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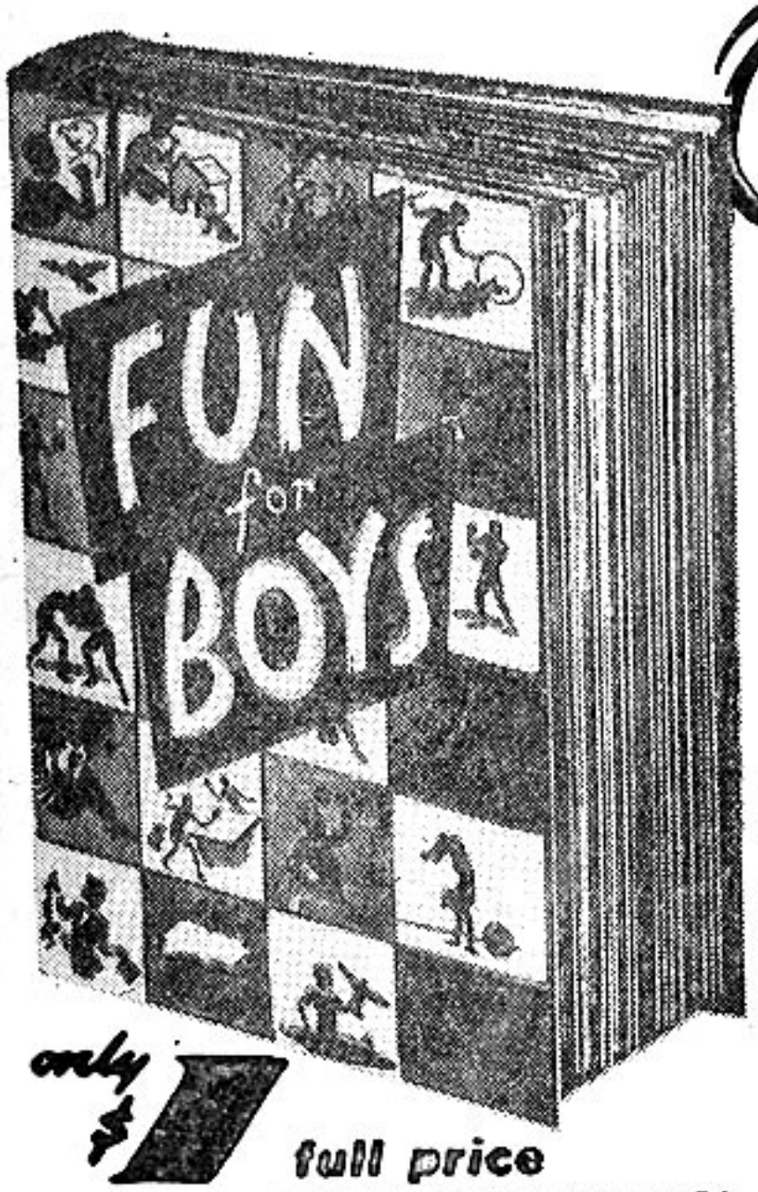

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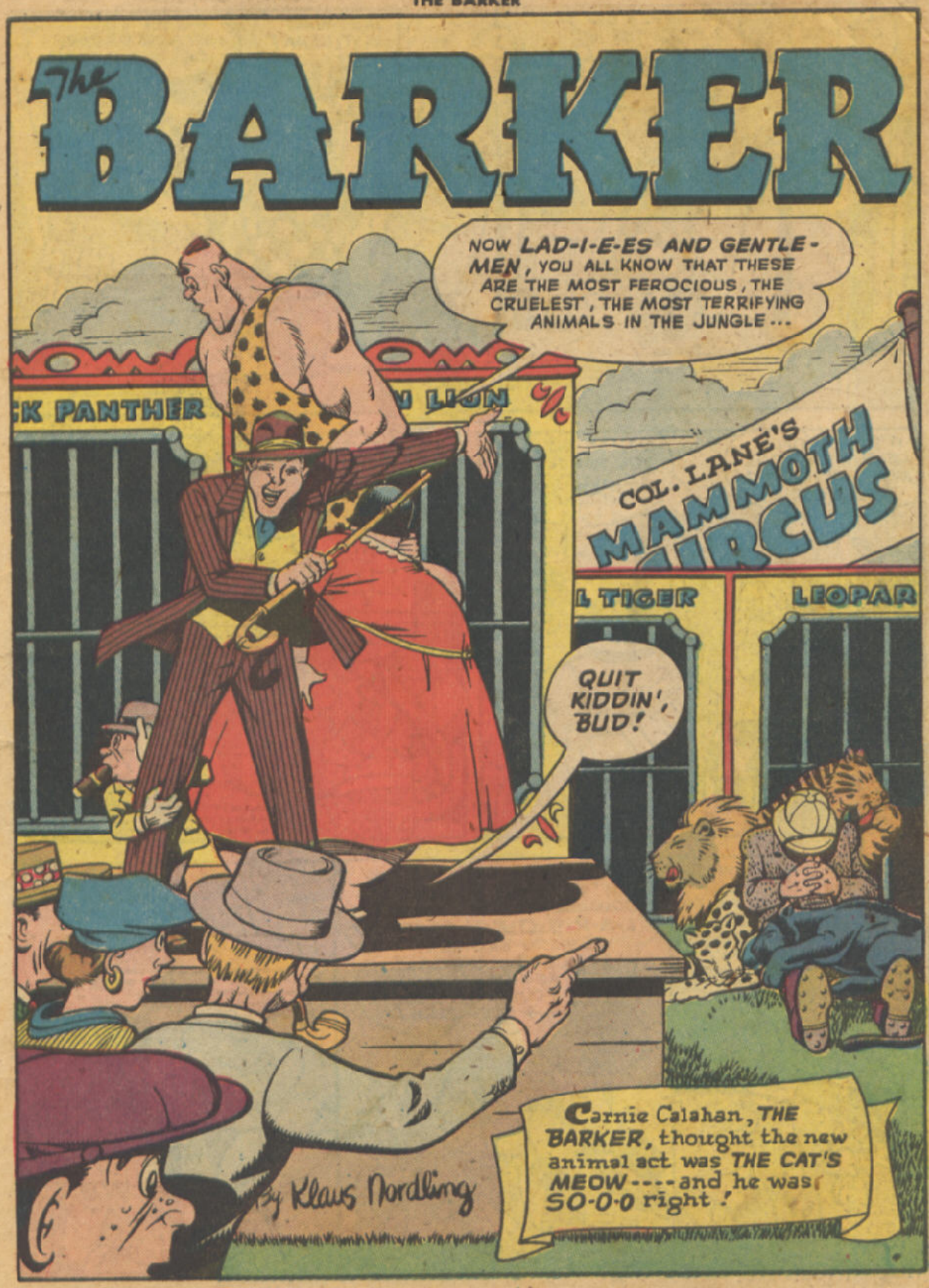
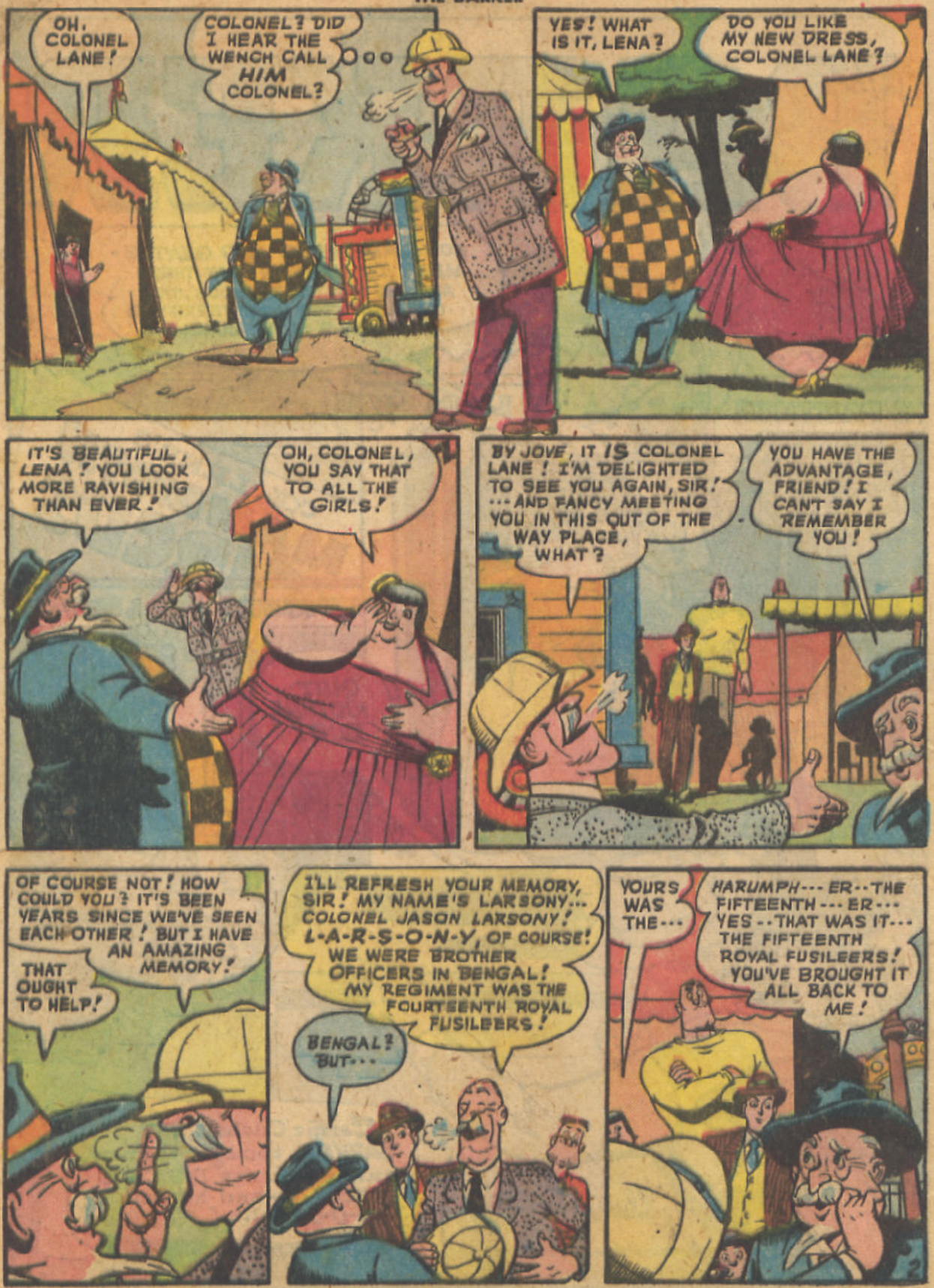

The BARKER
NOW LAD-I-E-ES AND GENTLE-MEN, YOU ALL KNOW THAT THESE ARE THE MOST FEROCIOUS, THE CRUELEST, THE MOST TERRIFYING ANIMALS IN THE JUNGLE...
COL. LANE'S MAMMOTH CIRCUS
QUIT KIDDIN', BUD!
Carnie Calahan, THE BARKER, thought the new animal act was THE CAT'S MEOW---- and he was SO-O-O right!
by Klaus Nordling


OH, COLONEL LANE!
COLONEL? DID I HEAR THE WENCH CALL HIM COLONEL?
YES! WHAT IS IT, LENA?
DO YOU LIKE MY NEW DRESS, COLONEL LANE?
IT'S BEAUTIFUL, LENA! YOU LOOK MORE RAVISHING THAN EVER!
OH, COLONEL, YOU SAY THAT TO ALL THE GIRLS!
BY JOVE, IT IS COLONEL LANE! I'M DELIGHTED TO SEE YOU AGAIN, SIR! ... AND FANCY MEETING YOU IN THIS OUT OF THE WAY PLACE, WHAT?
YOU HAVE THE ADVANTAGE, FRIEND! I CAN'T SAY I REMEMBER YOU!
OF COURSE NOT! HOW COULD YOU? IT'S BEEN YEARS SINCE WE'VE SEEN EACH OTHER! BUT I HAVE AN AMAZING MEMORY!
THAT OUGHT TO HELP!
I'LL REFRESH YOUR MEMORY, SIR! MY NAME'S LARSONY... COLONEL JASON LARSONY! L-A-R-S-O-N-Y, OF COURSE! WE WERE BROTHER OFFICERS IN BENGAL! MY REGIMENT WAS THE FOURTEENTH ROYAL FUSILEERS!
BENGAL? BUT...
YOURS WAS THE...
HARUMPH--- ER--THE FIFTEENTH--- ER--- YES--THAT WAS IT--- THE FIFTEENTH ROYAL FUSILEERS! YOU'VE BROUGHT IT ALL BACK TO ME!

COLONEL, YOU MEAN YOU WERE A COLONEL OUT IN INDIA?
BY ALL MEANS, TINY! SURELY YOU DIDN'T THINK MY COLONELCY WAS SPURIOUS?
OF COURSE HE DIDN'T, COLONEL! HE JUST THOUGHT IT WAS PHONY!
AHEM! HARUMPH! I SHOULD SAY NOT! I SPENT MANY YEARS IN THE SERVICE UNTIL THE HEAT GOT ME! S'MATTER OF FACT, THAT'S HOW I BECAME INTERESTED IN THE CIRCUS! LEARNED ALL SORTS OF STUFF ABOUT ANIMALS IN INDIA, Y'KNOW!
I UNDERSTAND PERFECTLY, COLONEL LANE! MY CAREER FOLLOWED A SIMILAR PATTERN, Y'MIGHT SAY! I'VE BEEN HANDLING WILD ANIMALS MYSELF SINCE I RETIRED!
REALLY? THAT'S INTERESTING!
PERHAPS I CAN EVEN DO A LITTLE SOMETHING FOR A BROTHER OFFICER! I'VE BROUGHT OVER A SHIPMENT OF VERY RARE LEOPARDS FROM A REMOTE CORNER OF INDIA! MIDGET LEOPARDS, Y'MIGHT CALL THEM, SIR!
MIDGET LEOPARDS? NEVER HEARD OF 'EM!
NEITHER HAVE MOST PEOPLE, SIR! THE VERY REASON WHY THEY'D MAKE AN EXCELLENT CIRCUS ATTRACTION!
THEY CERTAINLY WOULD IF YOU COULD PRODUCE THEM, PAL!
YOUR AIDE-DE-CAMP, I PRESUME, COLONEL? MAN OF ACTION, TOO, I GATHER, AND THAT'S A QUALITY I LIKE! DO COME DOWN TO MY DIGGINGS AND HAVE A LOOK AT THE BEASTS, WHAT? HERE'S MY CARD!
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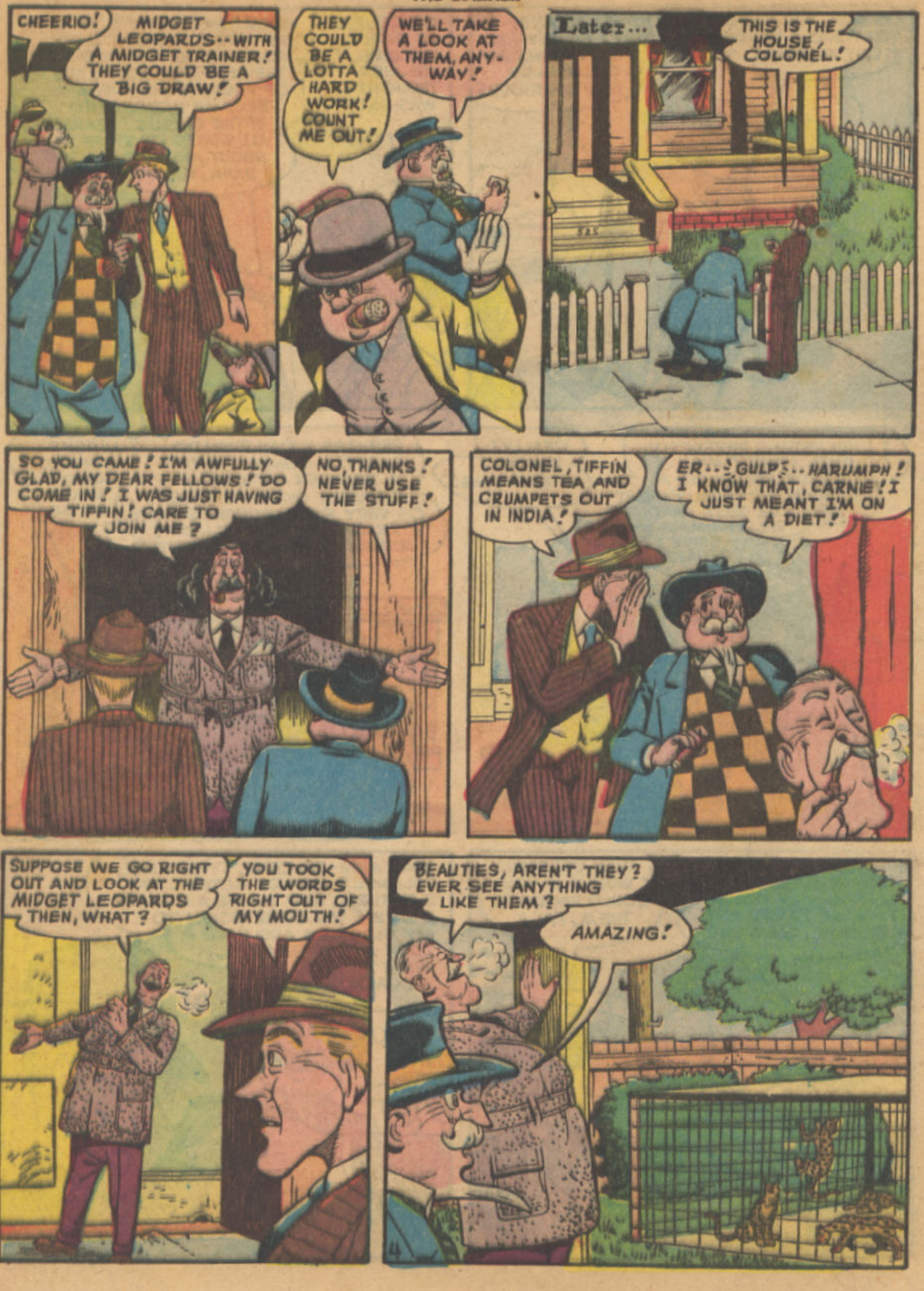
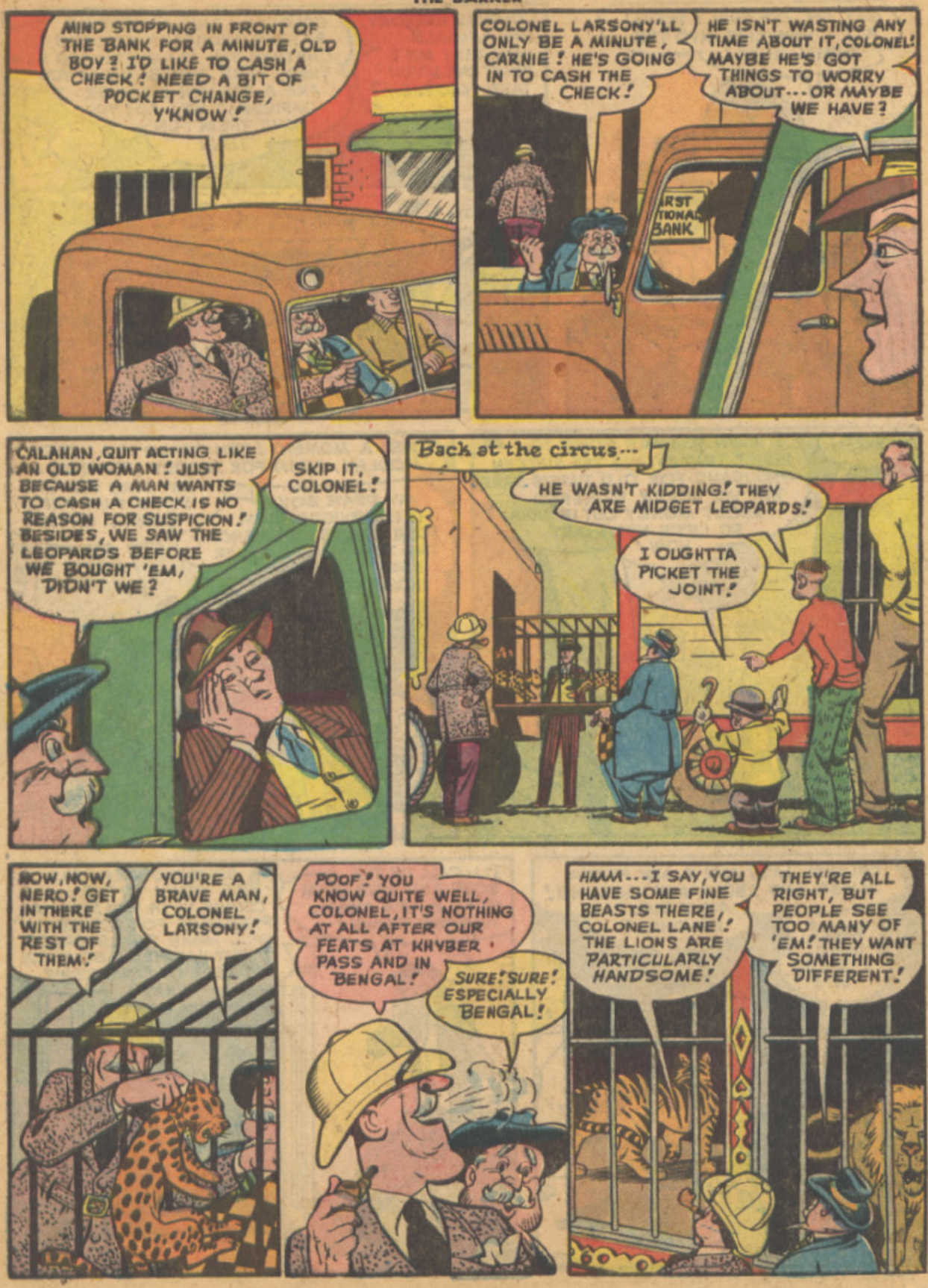
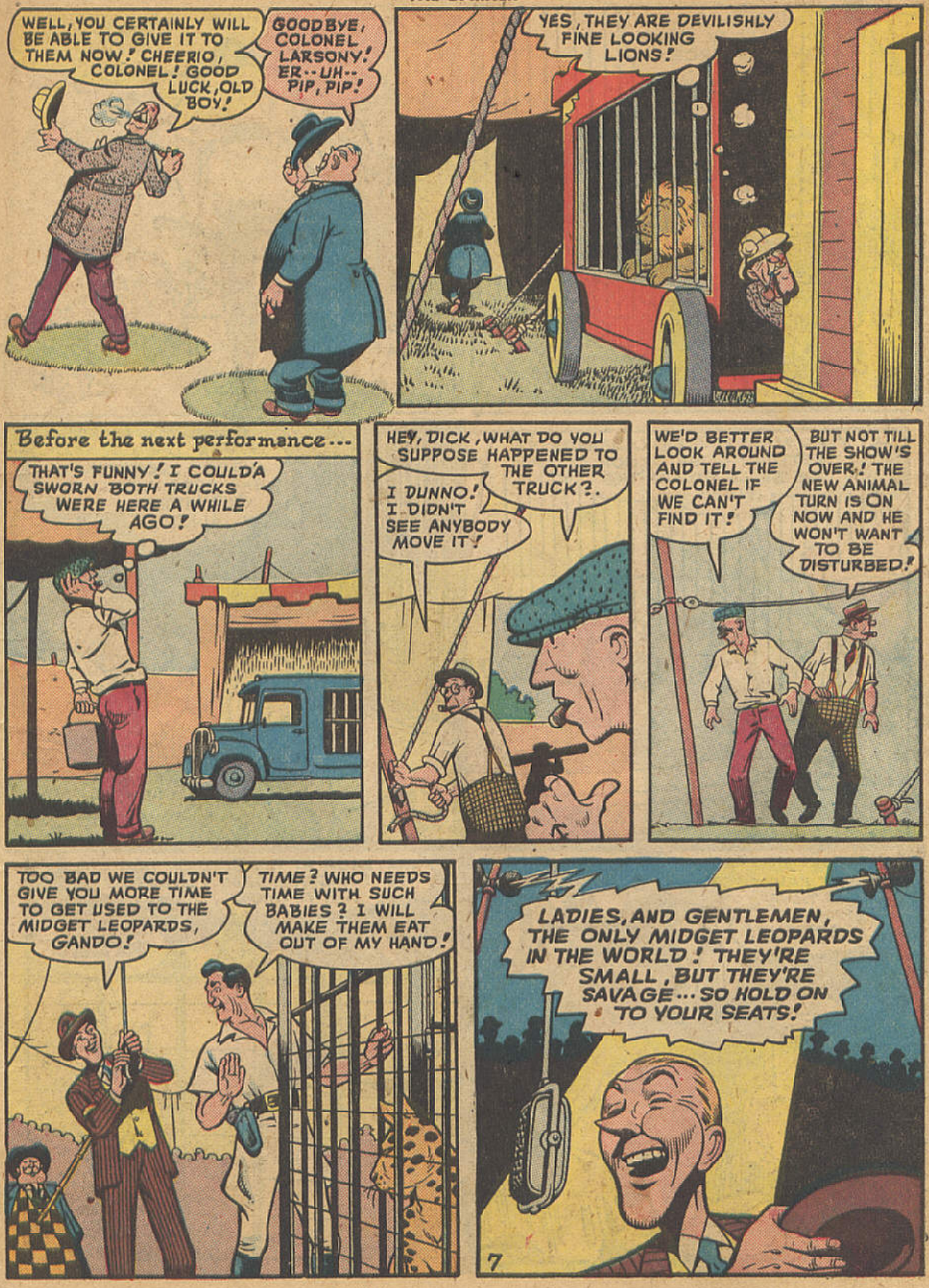
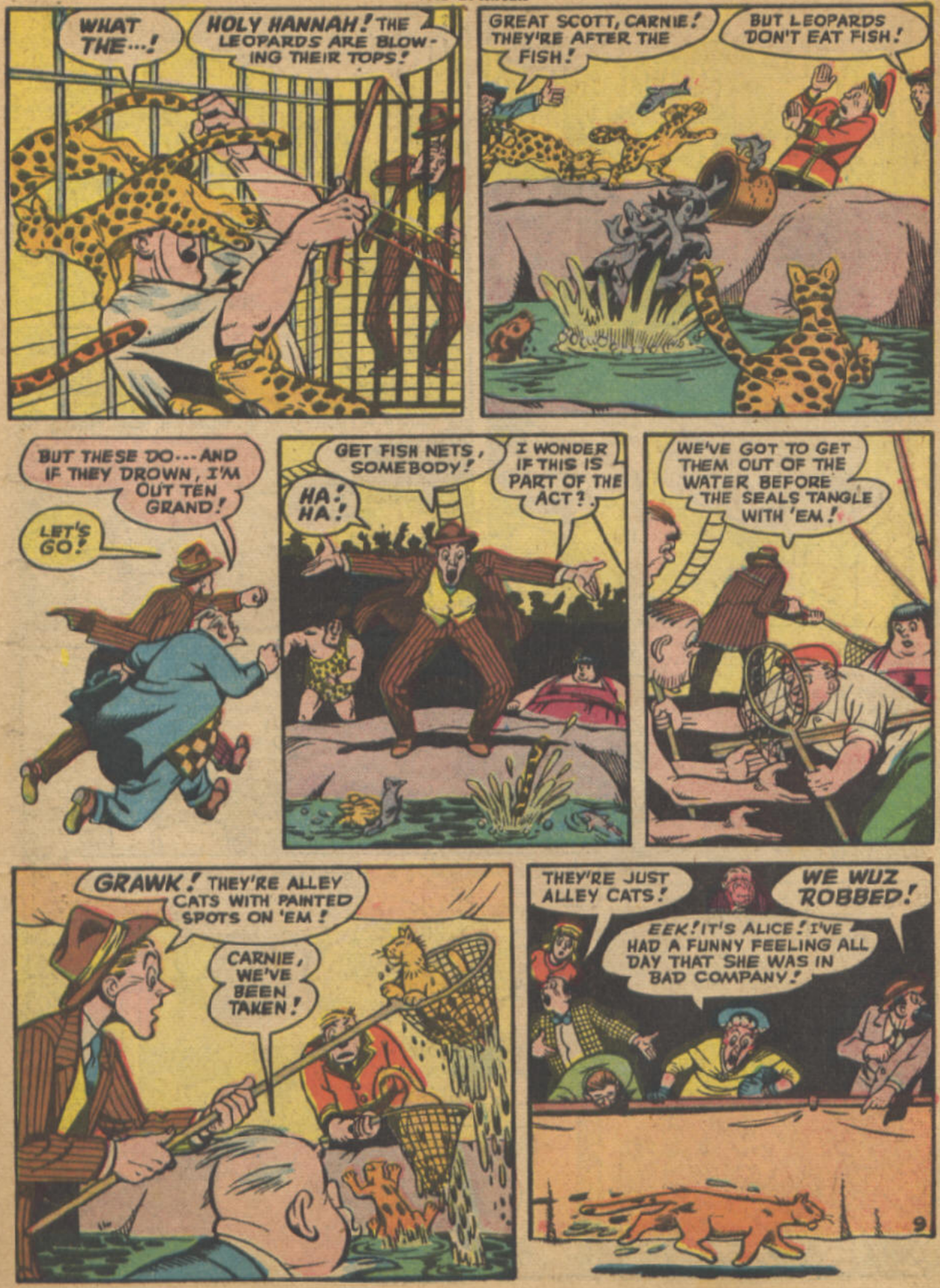

CHEERIO!
MIDGET LEOPARDS--WITH A MIDGET TRAINER! THEY COULD BE A BIG DRAW!
THEY COULD BE A LOTTA HARD WORK! COUNT ME OUT!
WE'LL TAKE A LOOK AT THEM, ANYWAY!
Later...
THIS IS THE HOUSE, COLONEL!
SO YOU CAME! I'M AWFULLY GLAD, MY DEAR FELLOWS! DO COME IN! I WAS JUST HAVING TIFFIN! CARE TO JOIN ME?
NO, THANKS! NEVER USE THE STUFF!
COLONEL, TIFFIN MEANS TEA AND CRUMPETS OUT IN INDIA!
ER..? GULP?.. HARUMPH! I KNOW THAT, CARNIE! I JUST MEANT I'M ON A DIET!
SUPPOSE WE GO RIGHT OUT AND LOOK AT THE MIDGET LEOPARDS THEN, WHAT?
YOU TOOK THE WORDS RIGHT OUT OF MY MOUTH!
BEAUTIES, AREN'T THEY? EVER SEE ANYTHING LIKE THEM?
AMAZING!

GET 'EM, COLONEL! THEY'LL PUT NEW LIFE INTO THE ANIMAL ACTS!
COLONEL LARSONY, THE ANIMALS INTEREST ME! WHAT WILL YOU TAKE FOR THEM?
COLONEL LANE, IT COST ME FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS TO CAPTURE THE BLIGHTERS AND SHIP THEM HERE, BUT BECAUSE YOU ARE A FORMER BROTHER OFFICER, I WILL LET YOU HAVE THEM FOR TEN!
BUT---
I KNOW YOU ARE GOING TO INSIST THAT I TAKE THE FIFTEEN THOUSAND FOR OLD TIME'S SAKE, BUT WE NEVER BICKERED ABOUT MONEY OUT IN INDIA, SO LET'S NOT START NOW!
JUST A MOMENT! TEN GRAND IS A LOT OF MOOLAH, EVEN FOR MIDGET LEOPARDS!
I'M SURE YOU CAN SHAVE THAT PRICE DOWN A LITTLE!
MY DEAR BOY, IT IS OBVIOUS FROM YOUR CRASS COMMERCIALISM THAT YOU'VE NEVER BEEN IN THE ROYAL INDIAN FUSILEERS!
COLONEL LANE AND I ARE PUKKA SAHIBS AND ABOVE ANY HAGGLING! AM I RIGHT, COLONEL?
SURE! SURE! I GUESS SO!
I'LL CALL UP THE BOYS AND HAVE THEM SEND A FEW ANIMAL WAGONS DOWN!
A SPLENDID IDEA! I'LL RIDE DOWN TO THE CIRCUS WITH YOU! MY PRESENCE FOR AWHILE WILL MAKE THE LEOPARDS A BIT HAPPIER ABOUT THE CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP, WHAT?


MIND STOPPING IN FRONT OF THE BANK FOR A MINUTE, OLD BOY? I'D LIKE TO CASH A CHECK! NEED A BIT OF POCKET CHANGE, Y'KNOW!
COLONEL LARSONY'LL ONLY BE A MINUTE, CARNIE! HE'S GOING IN TO CASH THE CHECK!
HE ISN'T WASTING ANY TIME ABOUT IT, COLONEL! MAYBE HE'S GOT THINGS TO WORRY ABOUT... OR MAYBE WE HAVE?
BANK
CALAHAN, QUIT ACTING LIKE AN OLD WOMAN! JUST BECAUSE A MAN WANTS TO CASH A CHECK IS NO REASON FOR SUSPICION! BESIDES, WE SAW THE LEOPARDS BEFORE WE BOUGHT 'EM, DIDN'T WE?
SKIP IT, COLONEL!
Back at the circus...
HE WASN'T KIDDING! THEY ARE MIDGET LEOPARDS!
I OUGHTTA PICKET THE JOINT!
NOW, NOW, NERO! GET IN THERE WITH THE REST OF THEM!
YOU'RE A BRAVE MAN, COLONEL LARSONY!
POOF! YOU KNOW QUITE WELL, COLONEL, IT'S NOTHING AT ALL AFTER OUR FEATS AT KHYBER PASS AND IN BENGAL!
SURE! SURE! ESPECIALLY BENGAL!
HMM... I SAY, YOU HAVE SOME FINE BEASTS THERE, COLONEL LANE! THE LIONS ARE PARTICULARLY HANDSOME!
THEY'RE ALL RIGHT, BUT PEOPLE SEE TOO MANY OF 'EM! THEY WANT SOMETHING DIFFERENT!


WELL, YOU CERTAINLY WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE IT TO THEM NOW! CHEERIO, COLONEL! GOOD LUCK, OLD BOY!
GOODBYE, COLONEL LARSONY! ER--UH-- PIP, PIP!
YES, THEY ARE DEVILISHLY FINE LOOKING LIONS!
Before the next performance---
THAT'S FUNNY! I COULD'A SWORN BOTH TRUCKS WERE HERE A WHILE AGO!
HEY, DICK, WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE HAPPENED TO THE OTHER TRUCK?.
I DUNNO! I DIDN'T SEE ANYBODY MOVE IT!
WE'D BETTER LOOK AROUND AND TELL THE COLONEL IF WE CAN'T FIND IT!
BUT NOT TILL THE SHOW'S OVER! THE NEW ANIMAL TURN IS ON NOW AND HE WON'T WANT TO BE DISTURBED!
TOO BAD WE COULDN'T GIVE YOU MORE TIME TO GET USED TO THE MIDGET LEOPARDS, GANDO!
TIME? WHO NEEDS TIME WITH SUCH BABIES? I WILL MAKE THEM EAT OUT OF MY HAND!
LADIES, AND GENTLEMEN, THE ONLY MIDGET LEOPARDS IN THE WORLD! THEY'RE SMALL, BUT THEY'RE SAVAGE... SO HOLD ON TO YOUR SEATS!

THEY DON'T LOOK VERY FIERCE!
CRACK!
AW, MA, I LIKE BIG LEOPARDS BETTER! GOSH... LOOK AT THE SEALS GO FOR THE FISH!
HOMER, LOOK AT THAT MIDGET LEOPARD.... SHE ACTS JUST LIKE OUR LITTLE ALICE!
DON'T BE SILLY! ALICE DOESN'T HAVE SPOTS... AND THAT ANIMAL'S FEROCIOUS!
HOMER! DON'T CONTRADICT ME!
MA, LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THAT FISH! AND THE SEAL'S GOING TO EAT IT WHOLE!
MEOW!


WHAT THE...!
HOLY HANNAH! THE LEOPARDS ARE BLOWING THEIR TOPS!
GREAT SCOTT, CARNIE! THEY'RE AFTER THE FISH!
BUT LEOPARDS DON'T EAT FISH!
BUT THESE DO---AND IF THEY DROWN, I'M OUT TEN GRAND!
LET'S GO!
GET FISH NETS, SOMEBODY!
HA! HA!
I WONDER IF THIS IS PART OF THE ACT?
WE'VE GOT TO GET THEM OUT OF THE WATER BEFORE THE SEALS TANGLE WITH 'EM!
GRAWK! THEY'RE ALLEY CATS WITH PAINTED SPOTS ON 'EM!
CARNIE, WE'VE BEEN TAKEN!
THEY'RE JUST ALLEY CATS!
WE WUZ ROBBED!
EEK! IT'S ALICE! I'VE HAD A FUNNY FEELING ALL DAY THAT SHE WAS IN BAD COMPANY!
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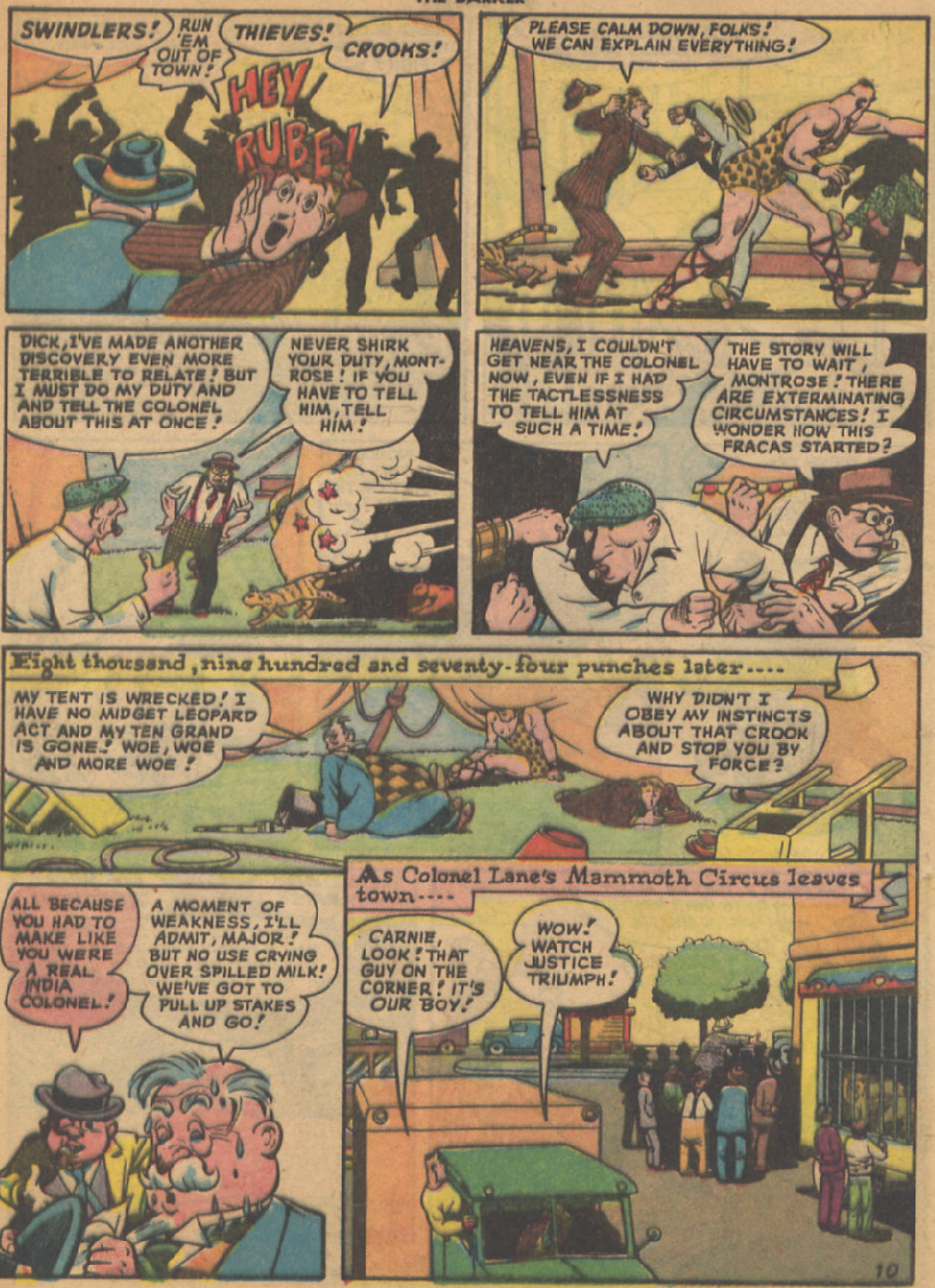
SWINDLERS!
RUN 'EM OUT OF TOWN!
THIEVES!
CROOKS!
HEY RUBE!
PLEASE CALM DOWN, FOLKS! WE CAN EXPLAIN EVERYTHING!
DICK, I'VE MADE ANOTHER DISCOVERY EVEN MORE TERRIBLE TO RELATE! BUT I MUST DO MY DUTY AND AND TELL THE COLONEL ABOUT THIS AT ONCE!
NEVER SHIRK YOUR DUTY, MONTROSE! IF YOU HAVE TO TELL HIM, TELL HIM!
HEAVENS, I COULDN'T GET NEAR THE COLONEL NOW, EVEN IF I HAD THE TACTLESSNESS TO TELL HIM AT SUCH A TIME!
THE STORY WILL HAVE TO WAIT, MONTROSE! THERE ARE EXTERMINATING CIRCUMSTANCES! I WONDER HOW THIS FRACAS STARTED?
Eight thousand, nine hundred and seventy-four punches later....
MY TENT IS WRECKED! I HAVE NO MIDGET LEOPARD ACT AND MY TEN GRAND IS GONE! WOE, WOE AND MORE WOE!
WHY DIDN'T I OBEY MY INSTINCTS ABOUT THAT CROOK AND STOP YOU BY FORCE?
ALL BECAUSE YOU HAD TO MAKE LIKE YOU WERE A REAL INDIA COLONEL!
A MOMENT OF WEAKNESS, I'LL ADMIT, MAJOR! BUT NO USE CRYING OVER SPILLED MILK! WE'VE GOT TO PULL UP STAKES AND GO!
As Colonel Lane's Mammoth Circus leaves town....
CARNIE, LOOK! THAT GUY ON THE CORNER! IT'S OUR BOY!
WOW! WATCH JUSTICE TRIUMPH!
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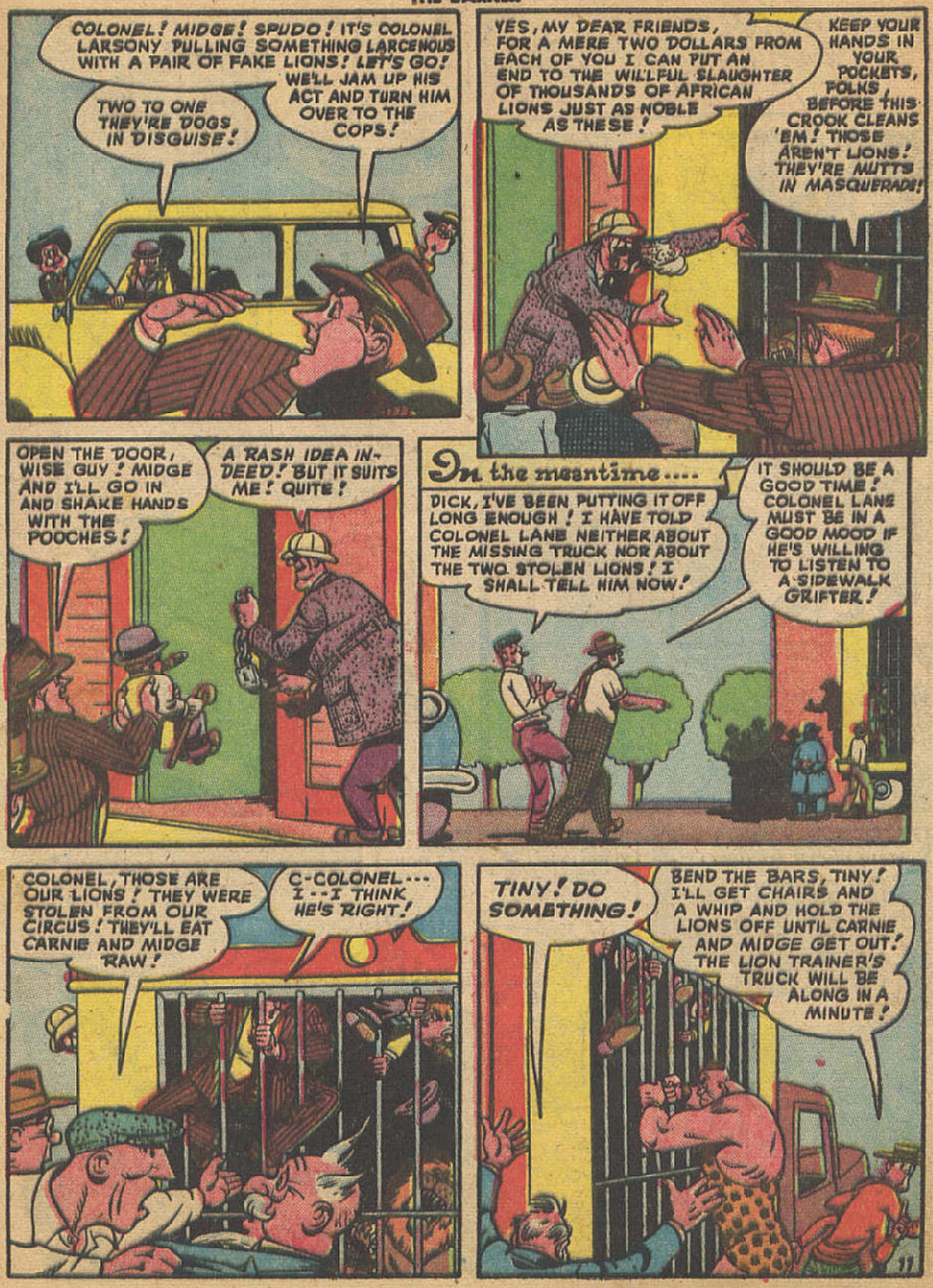
COLONEL! MIDGE! SPUDO! IT'S COLONEL LARSONY PULLING SOMETHING LARCENOUS WITH A PAIR OF FAKE LIONS! LET'S GO! WE'LL JAM UP HIS ACT AND TURN HIM OVER TO THE COPS!
TWO TO ONE THEY'RE DOGS IN DISGUISE!
YES, MY DEAR FRIENDS, FOR A MERE TWO DOLLARS FROM EACH OF YOU I CAN PUT AN END TO THE WILLFUL SLAUGHTER OF THOUSANDS OF AFRICAN LIONS JUST AS NOBLE AS THESE!
KEEP YOUR HANDS IN YOUR POCKETS, FOLKS, BEFORE THIS CROOK CLEANS 'EM! THOSE AREN'T LIONS! THEY'RE MUTTS IN MASQUERADE!
OPEN THE DOOR, WISE GUY! MIDGE AND I'LL GO IN AND SHAKE HANDS WITH THE POOCHES!
A RASH IDEA INDEED! BUT IT SUITS ME! QUITE!
In the meantime....
DICK, I'VE BEEN PUTTING IT OFF LONG ENOUGH! I HAVE TOLD COLONEL LANE NEITHER ABOUT THE MISSING TRUCK NOR ABOUT THE TWO STOLEN LIONS! I SHALL TELL HIM NOW!
IT SHOULD BE A GOOD TIME! COLONEL LANE MUST BE IN A GOOD MOOD IF HE'S WILLING TO LISTEN TO A SIDEWALK GRIFTER!
COLONEL, THOSE ARE OUR LIONS! THEY WERE STOLEN FROM OUR CIRCUS! THEY'LL EAT CARNIE AND MIDGE RAW!
C-COLONEL... I--I THINK HE'S RIGHT!
TINY! DO SOMETHING!
BEND THE BARS, TINY! I'LL GET CHAIRS AND A WHIP AND HOLD THE LIONS OFF UNTIL CARNIE AND MIDGE GET OUT! THE LION TRAINER'S TRUCK WILL BE ALONG IN A MINUTE!
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OKAY, CARNIE! YOU CAN GET THROUGH NOW!
YEAH?, TRY TO PERSUADE THESE CATS THEY OUGHT TO LET US OUT!
QUICK, CARNIE---MIDGE! THEY'RE STANDING BACK NOW!
EGAD! I BELIEVE THE BOUNDER MAY RESCUE THE BLIGHTERS!
YOU'RE SPOILING THE SHOW, YOU IDIOT!
GRAWK!
BY JOVE! THAT WAS UNEXPECTED!
AH, COLONEL! SHALL WE DAHNCE?
EASY, FRANCIS! IT'S YOUR UNCLE MAXWELL!
WHEW!
YOUR DOUGH, I BELIEVE, COLONEL--- OR WHAT'S LEFT OF IT!
GOODY--- AND I DON'T MEAN 'TOP HOLE' OR 'JOLLY, WHAT'!
WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON HERE?
Colonel Lane speaks his piece----
---THAT'S THE STORY, OFFICER, AND WE WILL PRESS CHARGES!
FINE WAY TO TREAT A BROTHER OFFICER---A PUKKA SAHIB! IT'S ENOUGH TO MAKE ME WANNA GO BACK TO CANARSIE!

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When it came to dummies. CARNIE CALAHAN, *THE BARKER*, thought he had seen them all ... but Lulu Belle was a new experience even for him!

WELL, IF IT ISN'T LULU BELLE... AND WITHOUT ZARGO!
LULU BELLE... AT LAST WE ARE ALONE TOGETHER! YOU KNOW HOW I FEEL ABOUT YOU! KISS ME!
WHAT... AND RUIN MY MAKE-UP? IT ISN'T WORTH IT!
FRUSTRATED, AGAIN! I'M GONNA BREAK DOWN IF THIS KEEPS UP!
ZARGO'S IN HIS DRESSING ROOM! THAT GUY SURE CAN THROW HIS VOICE A LONG DISTANCE!
SAVE YOUR TEARS FOR LATER, MIDGE! WE GO ON IN THREE MINUTES!
AH ME! THE AUDIENCE WILL SEE THE GRIN ON MY FACE BUT WHAT WILL THEY KNOW OF THE ACHE IN MY HEART?
WELL, COLONEL LANE... THE WAY YOU RUSH RIGHT BY ME, I COULD SWEAR YOU DON'T CARE ANY MORE!
HUN? OH, LULU BELLE...! HA, HA!
YOU KNOW I'LL ALWAYS CARE, LULU BELLE!
OH, COLONEL! BUT CAN A POOR GIRL TRUST YOU?
TERRIFIC STUFF, THAT ZARGO! SOMETIMES HE ALMOST MAKES ME BELIEVE LULU BELLE'S ALIVE!
YEAH! HE'S AN ACE VENTRILOQUIST, ALL RIGHT! THERE AREN'T MANY WHO CAN THROW THEIR VOICES RIGHT OUT OF A ROOM!

COME IN NOW, LULU BELLE, AND PRETTY UP! WE GO ON IN A LITTLE WHILE!
COMING, ZARGO!
GULP! SHE GOT UP BY HERSELF!
AND WALKED IN, TOO! I'M SEEING THINGS! OR IS SHE ALIVE?
ZARGO, DID I SEE LULU BELLE WALK IN UNASSISTED ... OR SHOULD I SEE A DOCTOR?
AH, CALAHAN!
LULU BELLE IS NOT AN ORDINARY GIRL, YOU KNOW! SHE IS CAPABLE OF A GREAT MANY THINGS!
A NICE HELPFUL ANSWER! THANKS!
ALL I CAN SAY IS, IF YOU BELIEVE YOU SAW HER WALK UNAIDED, PERHAPS SHE DID!
ANYTHING WRONG WITH WALKING WITHOUT HANGING ONTO SOME GUY'S ARM? MOST GIRLS ARE INDEPENDENT, YOU KNOW!
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ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT! LET'S FORGET ABOUT IT!
HA! HA! YOU SLAY ME, CALAHAN!
Later...
I'LL TAKE ONE O' THEM WIENIES, BUB!
CHANGE A HUNDRED?
TEN CENTS OUT OF A HUNDRED? GOSH, YOU SURE MAKE IT TOUGH, FARMER!
ROOT BEER
CARNIE, IF THAT ROLL'S ALL HUNDREDS, THE RUBE IS CARRYING ABOUT TEN GRAND!
NIX! HE WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND THAT YOU'RE TRYING TO HELP HIM!
MAYBE I'D BETTER HOLD IT FOR HIM BEFORE SOMEONE PICKS HIS POCKET AND HE RAISES THE ROOF!
BUT THE LOT'S CRAWLING WITH DIPS WHO MUST HAVE SEEN THE YOKEL FLASH THE ROLL! IT'LL BE LIKE TAKING CANDY FROM A BABY FOR ONE OF THEM!
I'LL KEEP AN EYE ON THE RUBE!
ZARGO and LULU BELLE
THE SEVEN WOM
WELL, WELL... IF IT ISN'T MY DREAM MAN! COME CLOSER, BIG BOY! I WANT TO GET A BETTER LOOK AT YOU!
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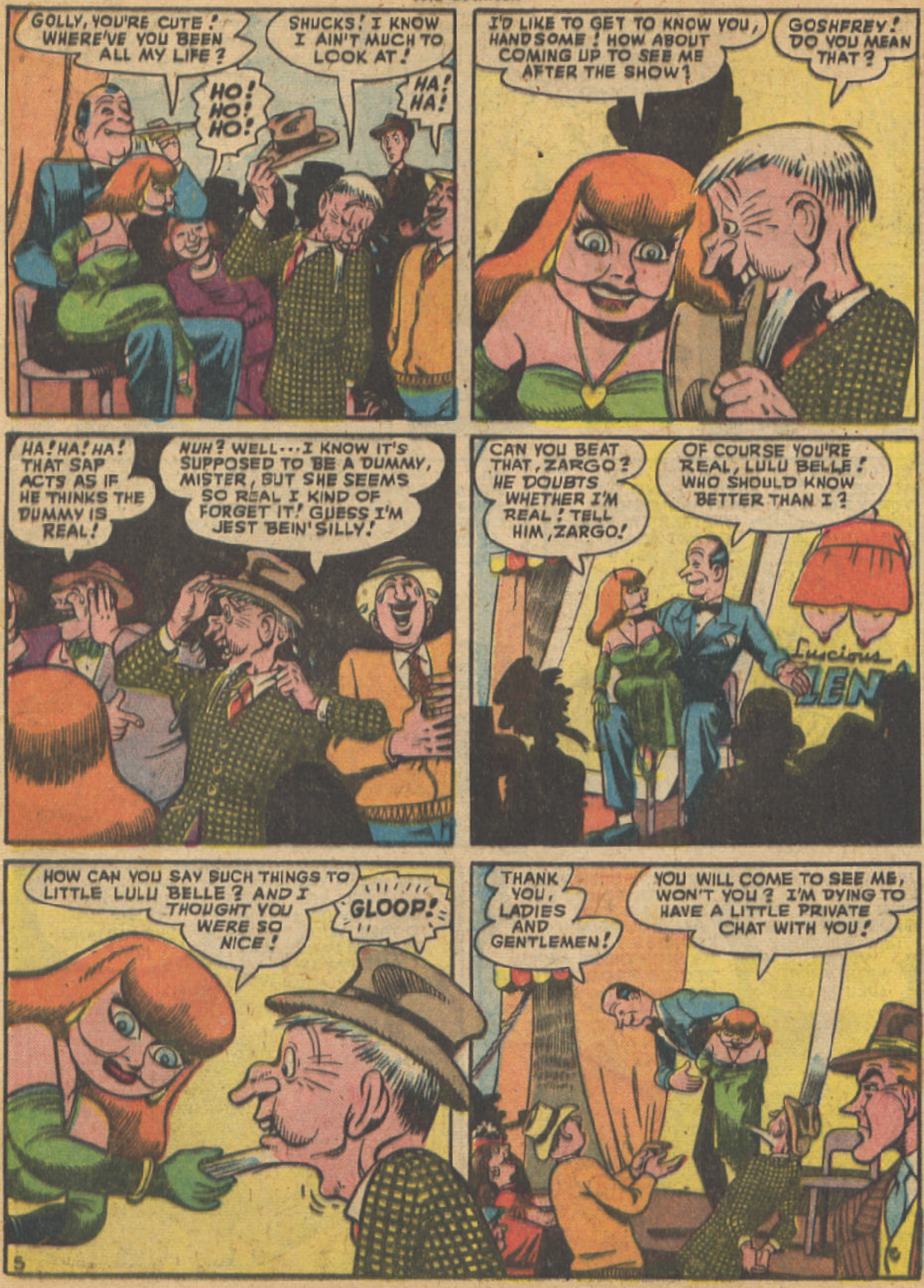
GOLLY, YOU'RE CUTE! WHERE'VE YOU BEEN ALL MY LIFE?
SHUCKS! I KNOW I AIN'T MUCH TO LOOK AT!
HO! HO! HO!
HA! HA!
I'D LIKE TO GET TO KNOW YOU, HANDSOME! HOW ABOUT COMING UP TO SEE ME AFTER THE SHOW?
GOSHFREY! DO YOU MEAN THAT?
HA! HA! HA! THAT SAP ACTS AS IF HE THINKS THE DUMMY IS REAL!
NUH? WELL... I KNOW IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE A DUMMY, MISTER, BUT SHE SEEMS SO REAL I KIND OF FORGET IT! GUESS I'M JEST BEIN' SILLY!
CAN YOU BEAT THAT, ZARGO? HE DOUBTS WHETHER I'M REAL! TELL HIM, ZARGO!
OF COURSE YOU'RE REAL, LULU BELLE! WHO SHOULD KNOW BETTER THAN I?
Lucious
HOW CAN YOU SAY SUCH THINGS TO LITTLE LULU BELLE? AND I THOUGHT YOU WERE SO NICE!
GLOOP!
THANK YOU, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!
YOU WILL COME TO SEE ME, WON'T YOU? I'M DYING TO HAVE A LITTLE PRIVATE CHAT WITH YOU!
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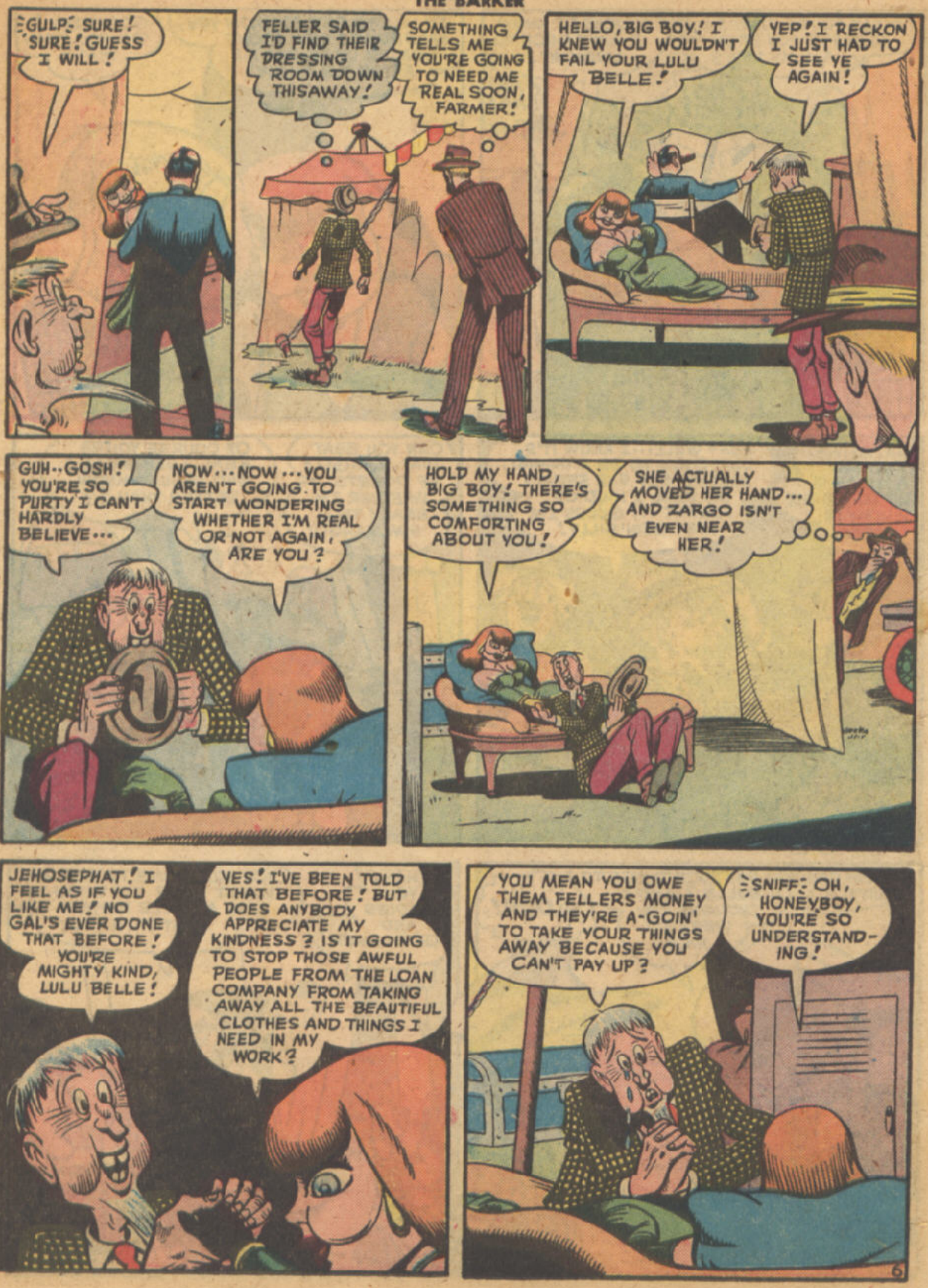
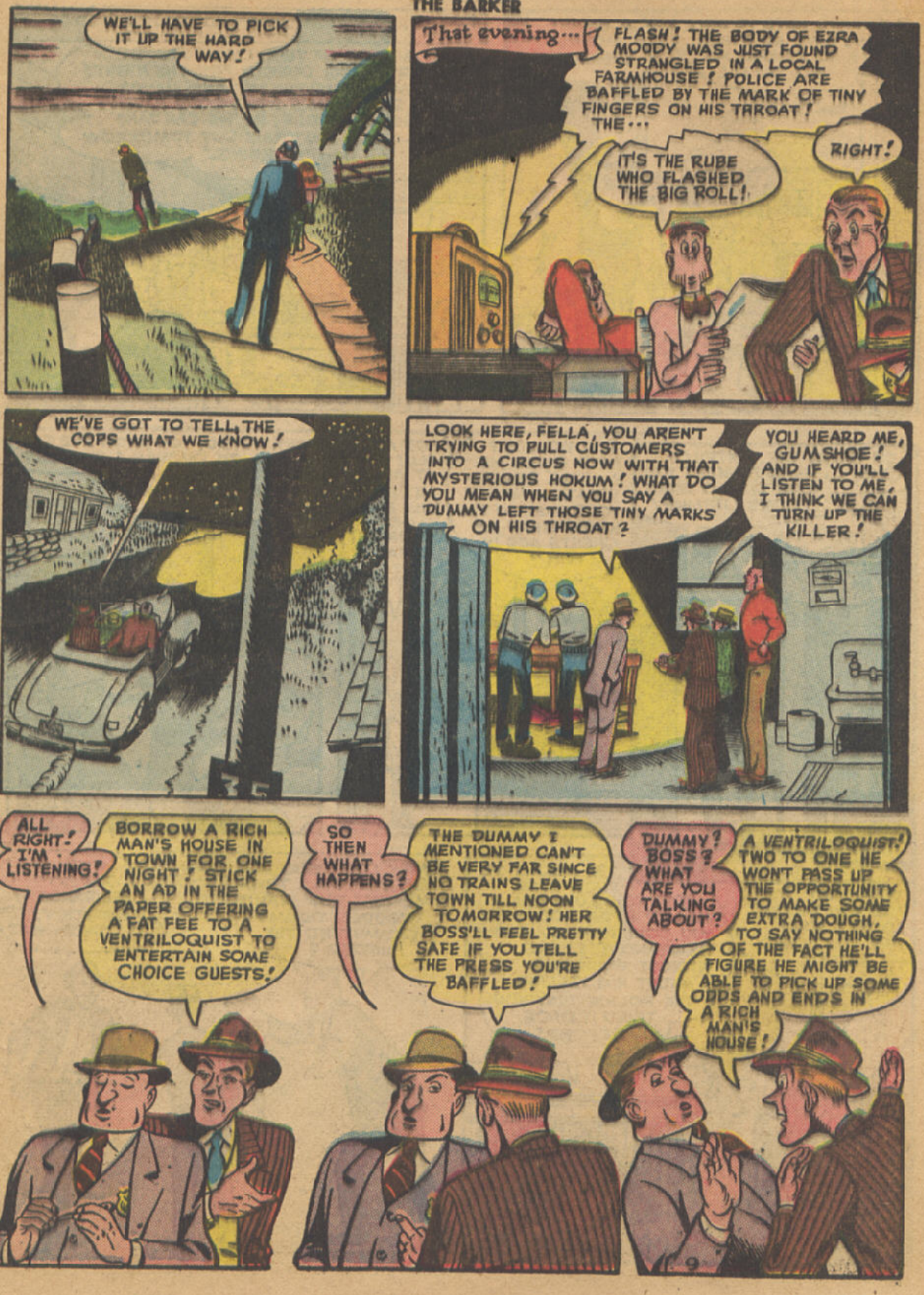
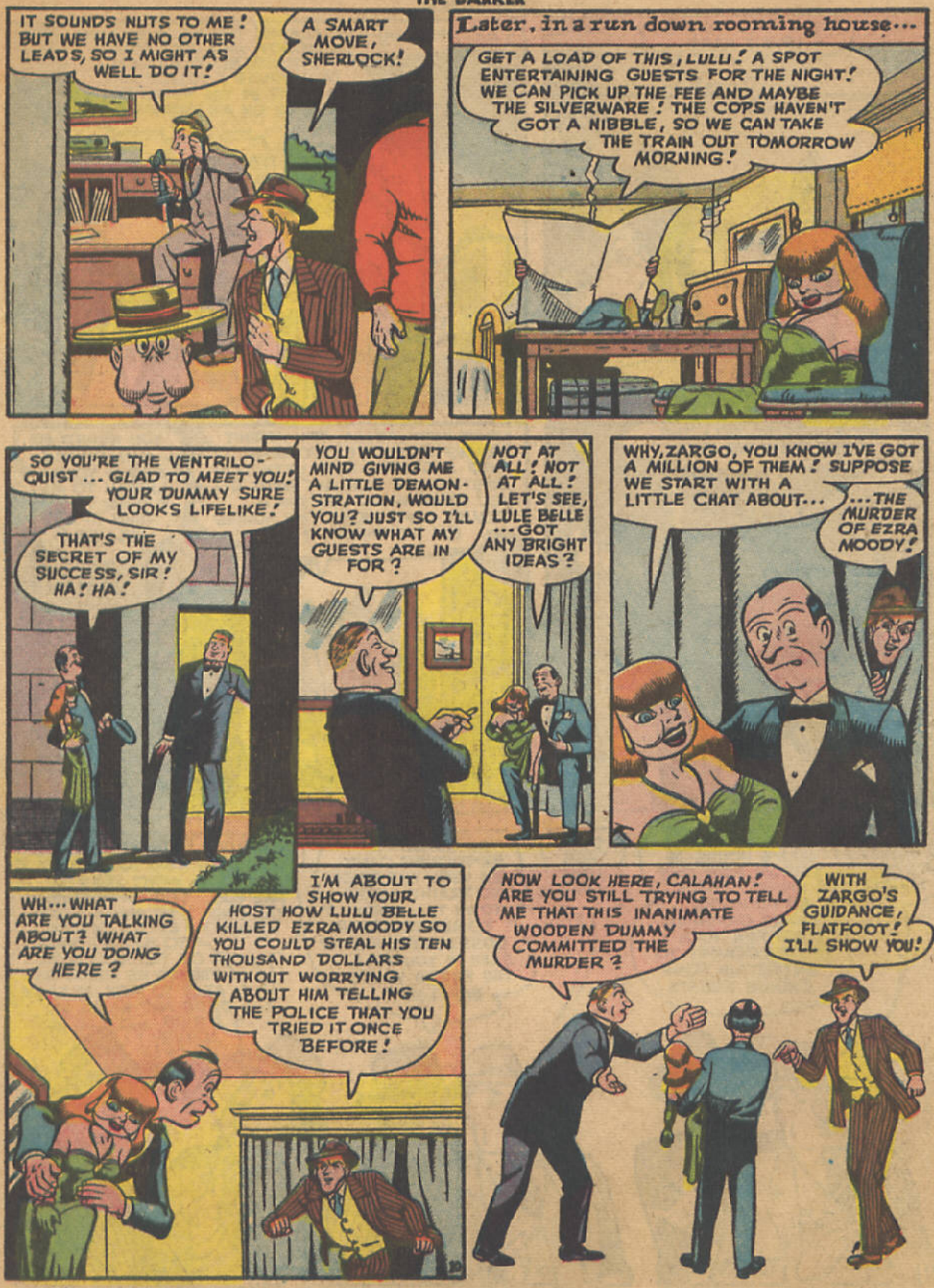

GULP! SURE! SURE! GUESS I WILL!
FELLER SAID I'D FIND THEIR DRESSING ROOM DOWN THISAWAY!
SOMETHING TELLS ME YOU'RE GOING TO NEED ME REAL SOON, FARMER!
HELLO, BIG BOY! I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T FAIL YOUR LULU BELLE!
YEP! I RECKON I JUST HAD TO SEE YE AGAIN!
GUH--GOSH! YOU'RE SO PURTY I CAN'T HARDLY BELIEVE...
NOW...NOW...YOU AREN'T GOING TO START WONDERING WHETHER I'M REAL OR NOT AGAIN, ARE YOU?
HOLD MY HAND, BIG BOY! THERE'S SOMETHING SO COMFORTING ABOUT YOU!
SHE ACTUALLY MOVED HER HAND... AND ZARGO ISN'T EVEN NEAR HER!
JEHOSEPHAT! I FEEL AS IF YOU LIKE ME! NO GAL'S EVER DONE THAT BEFORE! YOU'RE MIGHTY KIND, LULU BELLE!
YES! I'VE BEEN TOLD THAT BEFORE! BUT DOES ANYBODY APPRECIATE MY KINDNESS? IS IT GOING TO STOP THOSE AWFUL PEOPLE FROM THE LOAN COMPANY FROM TAKING AWAY ALL THE BEAUTIFUL CLOTHES AND THINGS I NEED IN MY WORK?
YOU MEAN YOU OWE THEM FELLERS MONEY AND THEY'RE A-GOIN' TO TAKE YOUR THINGS AWAY BECAUSE YOU CAN'T PAY UP?
SNIFF! OH, HONEYBOY, YOU'RE SO UNDERSTANDING!

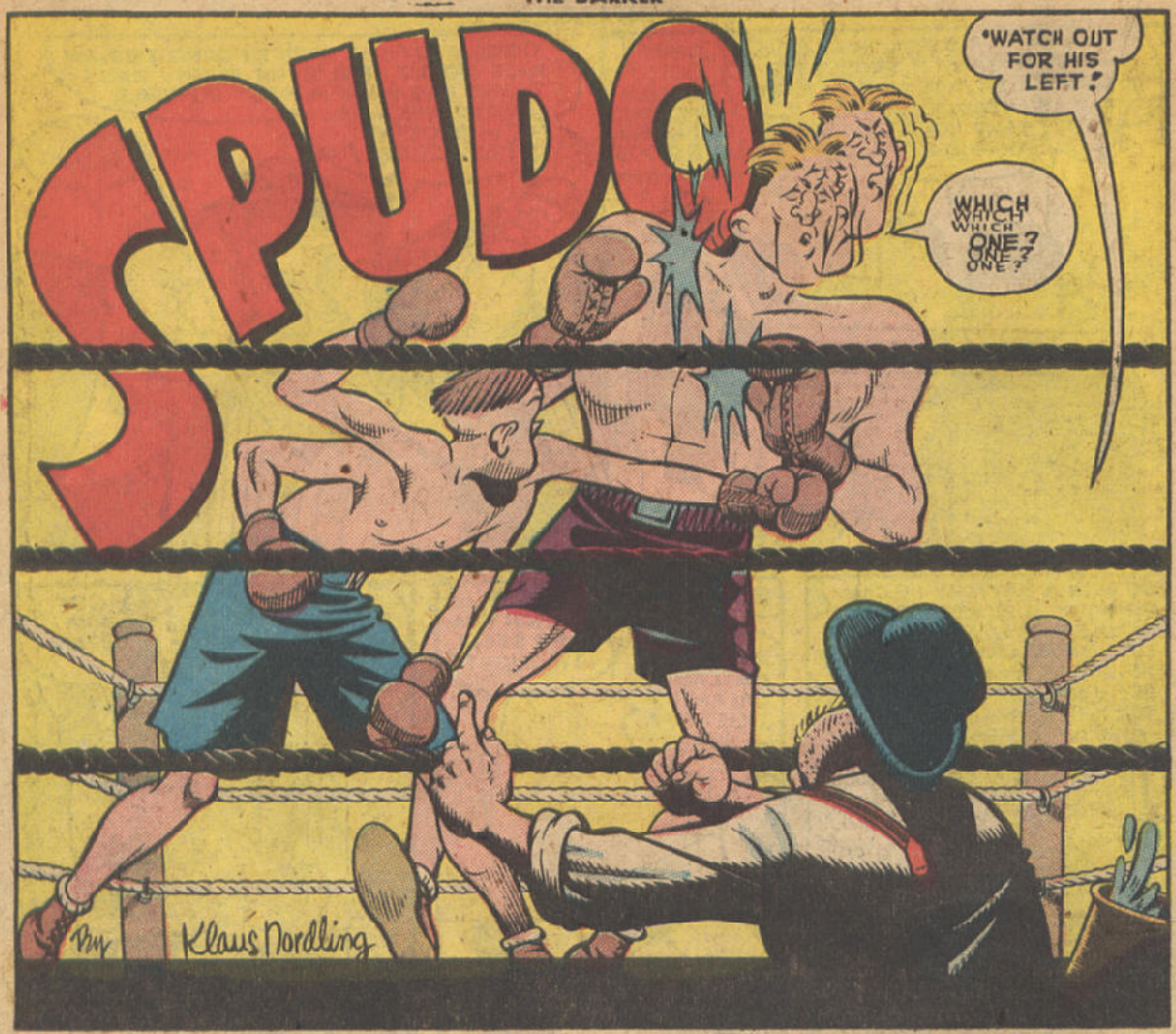
WELL, SHUCKS! THAT'S EASY TO FIX! HOW MUCH DO YOU OWE THE VARMINTS?
A MERE TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS!
GULP! TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS?
I KNOW IT'S TOO MUCH TO ASK OF ANYBODY! YOU WOULDN'T HAVE THAT MUCH MONEY AND IF YOU DID, I COULDN'T TAKE IT!
YOU'RE WRONG THERE! I'VE GOT JEST TEN THOUSAND IN THAT BANKROLL! BEEN SAVIN' IT FER TEN YEARS! IT'S YOURS!
OH, EZRA!
COME OUT OF YOUR TRANCE, FARMER! YOU'RE BEING TAKEN BY A SLICKER AND A HUNK OF WOOD!
WH... WHAT?
CAN'T YOU GET IT THROUGH YOUR SKULL THAT YOU'VE BEEN FALLING FOR A DUMMY?
A DUMMY? SURE! SURE! I GUESS I REALLY KNEW IT! IT'S JUST THAT IT WAS TOUGH TO REMEMBER!
HERE! PUT IT IN YOUR POCKET AND GET OUT OF THIS CIRCUS BEFORE LULU BELLE MAKES YOU BELIEVE SHE'S REAL AGAIN!
YEP! SURE! I GUESS I'D BETTER... BUT I SURE WISH SHE WAS REAL!

HEY, CARNIE ... I'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR ... WH ... WHAT'S ..?
I DIDN'T KNOW ZARGO DISLIKED YOU, CARNIE!
I THINK HE ONLY FOUND IT OUT HIMSELF A LITTLE WHILE AGO!
THIS OUGHT TO GIVE YOU SOME IDEA OF WHAT I THINK OF YOU!
GET OFF THIS LOT BEFORE I DECIDE TO MAKE THE COPS EARN THEIR PAY!
AND TAKE THIS OVERDRESSED PIECE OF LUMBER WITH YOU! COLONEL LANE WILL UNDERSTAND WHEN I TELL HIM WHY HE'LL HAVE TO DO WITHOUT YOU!
GUESS I DIDN'T PLAN THAT CAREFULLY ENOUGH! WELL, LULU BELLE, WE NEED THAT TEN GRAND MORE THAN EVER, NOW! AND THERE GOES THE RUBE WHO'S GOT IT!

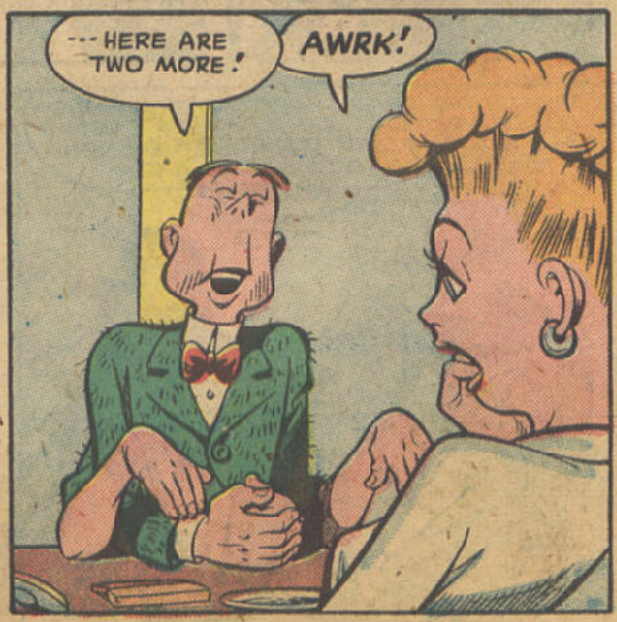

WE'LL HAVE TO PICK IT UP THE HARD WAY!
That evening...
FLASH! THE BODY OF EZRA MOODY WAS JUST FOUND STRANGLED IN A LOCAL FARMHOUSE! POLICE ARE BAFFLED BY THE MARK OF TINY FINGERS ON HIS THROAT! THE...
IT'S THE RUBE WHO FLASHED THE BIG ROLL!
RIGHT!
WE'VE GOT TO TELL THE COPS WHAT WE KNOW!
LOOK HERE, FELLA, YOU AREN'T TRYING TO PULL CUSTOMERS INTO A CIRCUS NOW WITH THAT MYSTERIOUS HOKUM! WHAT DO YOU MEAN WHEN YOU SAY A DUMMY LEFT THOSE TINY MARKS ON HIS THROAT?
YOU HEARD ME, GUMSHOE! AND IF YOU'LL LISTEN TO ME, I THINK WE CAN TURN UP THE KILLER!
ALL RIGHT! I'M LISTENING!
BORROW A RICH MAN'S HOUSE IN TOWN FOR ONE NIGHT! STICK AN AD IN THE PAPER OFFERING A FAT FEE TO A VENTRILOQUIST TO ENTERTAIN SOME CHOICE GUESTS!
SO THEN WHAT HAPPENS?
THE DUMMY I MENTIONED CAN'T BE VERY FAR SINCE NO TRAINS LEAVE TOWN TILL NOON TOMORROW! HER BOSS'LL FEEL PRETTY SAFE IF YOU TELL THE PRESS YOU'RE BAFFLED!
DUMMY? BOSS? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
A VENTRILOQUIST! TWO TO ONE HE WON'T PASS UP THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE SOME EXTRA DOUGH, TO SAY NOTHING OF THE FACT HE'LL FIGURE HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO PICK UP SOME ODDS AND ENDS IN A RICH MAN'S HOUSE!

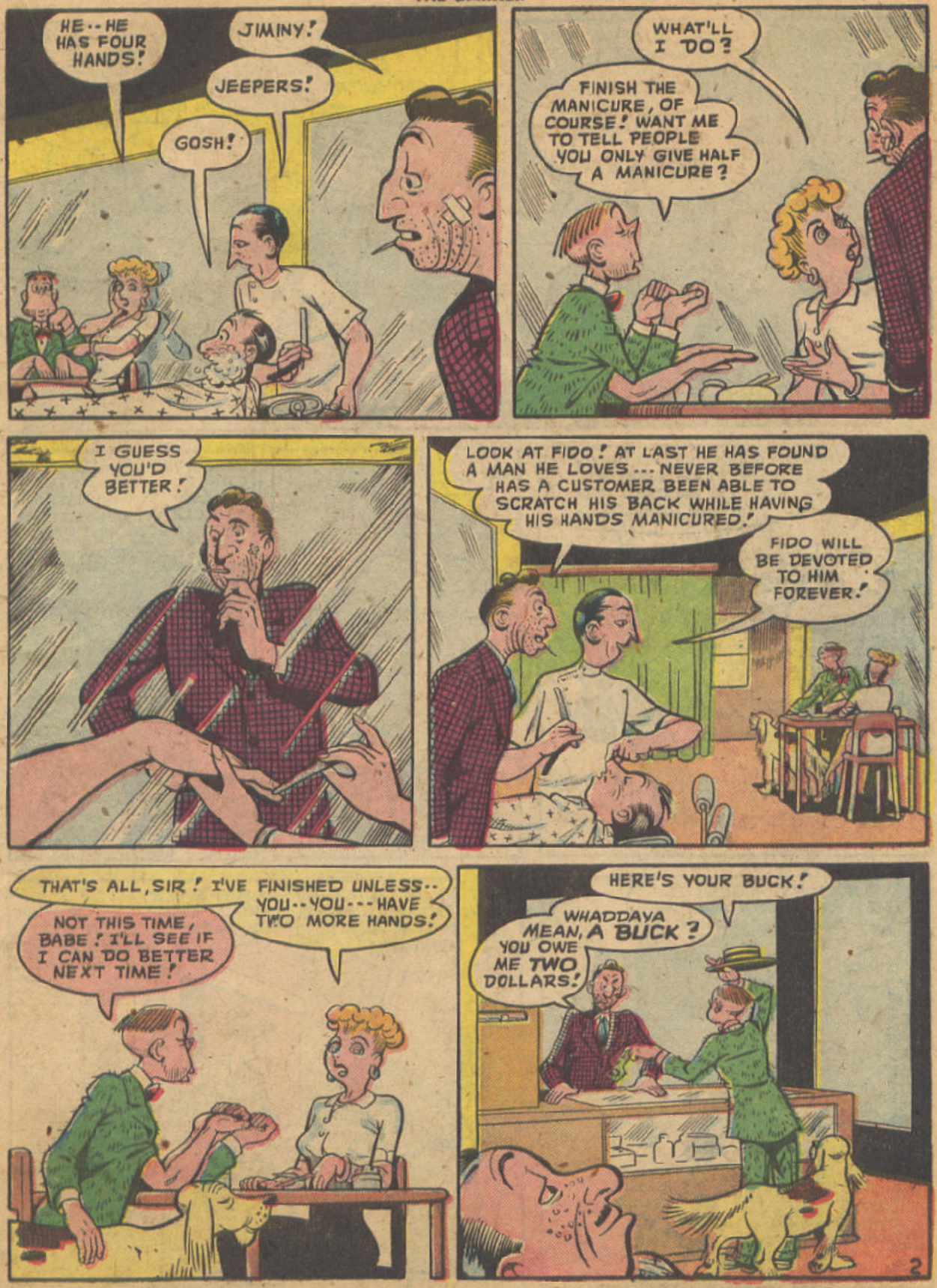

IT SOUNDS NUTS TO ME! BUT WE HAVE NO OTHER LEADS, SO I MIGHT AS WELL DO IT!
A SMART MOVE, SHERLOCK!
Later, in a run down rooming house...
GET A LOAD OF THIS, LULU! A SPOT ENTERTAINING GUESTS FOR THE NIGHT! WE CAN PICK UP THE FEE AND MAYBE THE SILVERWARE! THE COPS HAVEN'T GOT A NIBBLE, SO WE CAN TAKE THE TRAIN OUT TOMORROW MORNING!
SO YOU'RE THE VENTRILOQUIST... GLAD TO MEET YOU! YOUR DUMMY SURE LOOKS LIFELIKE!
THAT'S THE SECRET OF MY SUCCESS, SIR! HA! HA!
YOU WOULDN'T MIND GIVING ME A LITTLE DEMONSTRATION, WOULD YOU? JUST SO I'LL KNOW WHAT MY GUESTS ARE IN FOR?
NOT AT ALL! NOT AT ALL! LET'S SEE, LULE BELLE ...GOT ANY BRIGHT IDEAS?
WHY, ZARGO, YOU KNOW I'VE GOT A MILLION OF THEM! SUPPOSE WE START WITH A LITTLE CHAT ABOUT...
...THE MURDER OF EZRA MOODY!
WH... WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I'M ABOUT TO SHOW YOUR HOST HOW LULU BELLE KILLED EZRA MOODY SO YOU COULD STEAL HIS TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS WITHOUT WORRYING ABOUT HIM TELLING THE POLICE THAT YOU TRIED IT ONCE BEFORE!
NOW LOOK HERE, CALAHAN! ARE YOU STILL TRYING TO TELL ME THAT THIS INANIMATE WOODEN DUMMY COMMITTED THE MURDER?
WITH ZARGO'S GUIDANCE, FLATFOOT! I'LL SHOW YOU!

SO YOU'RE A DETECTIVE! WELL ... IN THAT CASE IT SHOULD BE OBVIOUS THAT THIS MAN'S CRAZY! WHAT A FANTASTIC STORY! HEY! TAKE YOUR HANDS OFF HER!
DON'T GET PRUDISH, ZARGO! YOU KNOW SHE'S WOOD!
THERE IT IS! IF I HADN'T FOUND THIS, MY FACE WOULD HAVE BEEN PLENTY RED! ZARGO HAS SOME ALMOST INVISIBLE WIRES WHICH HE CAN HOOK TO THIS SOCKET!
SO WHAT?
SO WITH A BATTERY HE CAN CONTROL A NUMBER OF SIMPLE MOVEMENTS WHICH LULU BELLE CAN MAKE WHILE HE KEEPS AWAY FROM THE SCENE HIMSELF! I'VE SEEN HIM MAKE HER MOVE BEFORE!
WELL... I'LL BE...!
SURE YOU WILL, COPPER, BUT FIRST SEARCH HIM AND SEE IF I'M RIGHT!
DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH, CALAHAN! I GET OFF HERE!
BANG!
YAWP!
GOT HIM, CARNIE!
THERE'S THE STUFF ... WIRES, BATTERY AND CONTROLS! HE COULD MAKE HER FINGERS JAM DOWN HARD ENOUGH TO STRANGLE A COW WITH THAT!
WELL ... I'LL BE...!
I KNOW! YOU SAID THAT BEFORE!
WELL, WHO WOULDN'T, WITH HER LOOKING SO DOGGONE REAL AND TAKING PART IN MURDERS! I'D BETTER PUT CUFFS ON HER, TOO!


SPUDO
"WATCH OUT FOR HIS LEFT!"
WHICH WHICH WHICH ONE? ONE? ONE?
By Klaus Nordling

I'VE FINISHED BOTH HANDS, SIR!
FINE...


---HERE ARE TWO MORE!
AWRK!


HE--HE HAS FOUR HANDS!
JIMINY!
JEEPERS!
GOSH!
WHAT'LL I DO?
FINISH THE MANICURE, OF COURSE! WANT ME TO TELL PEOPLE YOU ONLY GIVE HALF A MANICURE?
I GUESS YOU'D BETTER!
LOOK AT FIDO! AT LAST HE HAS FOUND A MAN HE LOVES--- NEVER BEFORE HAS A CUSTOMER BEEN ABLE TO SCRATCH HIS BACK WHILE HAVING HIS HANDS MANICURED!
FIDO WILL BE DEVOTED TO HIM FOREVER!
THAT'S ALL, SIR! I'VE FINISHED UNLESS-- YOU--YOU---HAVE TWO MORE HANDS!
NOT THIS TIME, BABE! I'LL SEE IF I CAN DO BETTER NEXT TIME!
HERE'S YOUR BUCK!
WHADDAYA MEAN, A BUCK? YOU OWE ME TWO DOLLARS!
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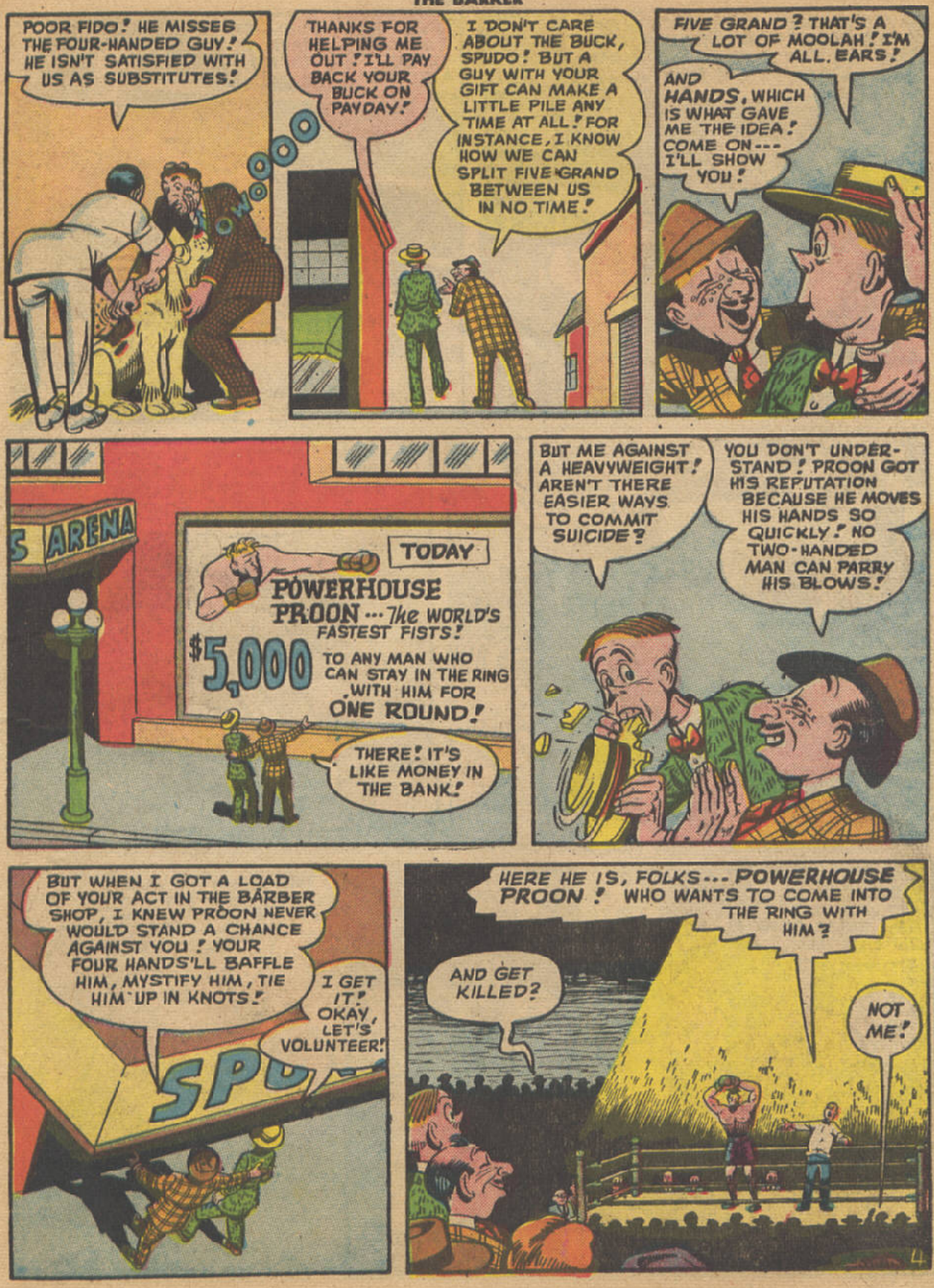
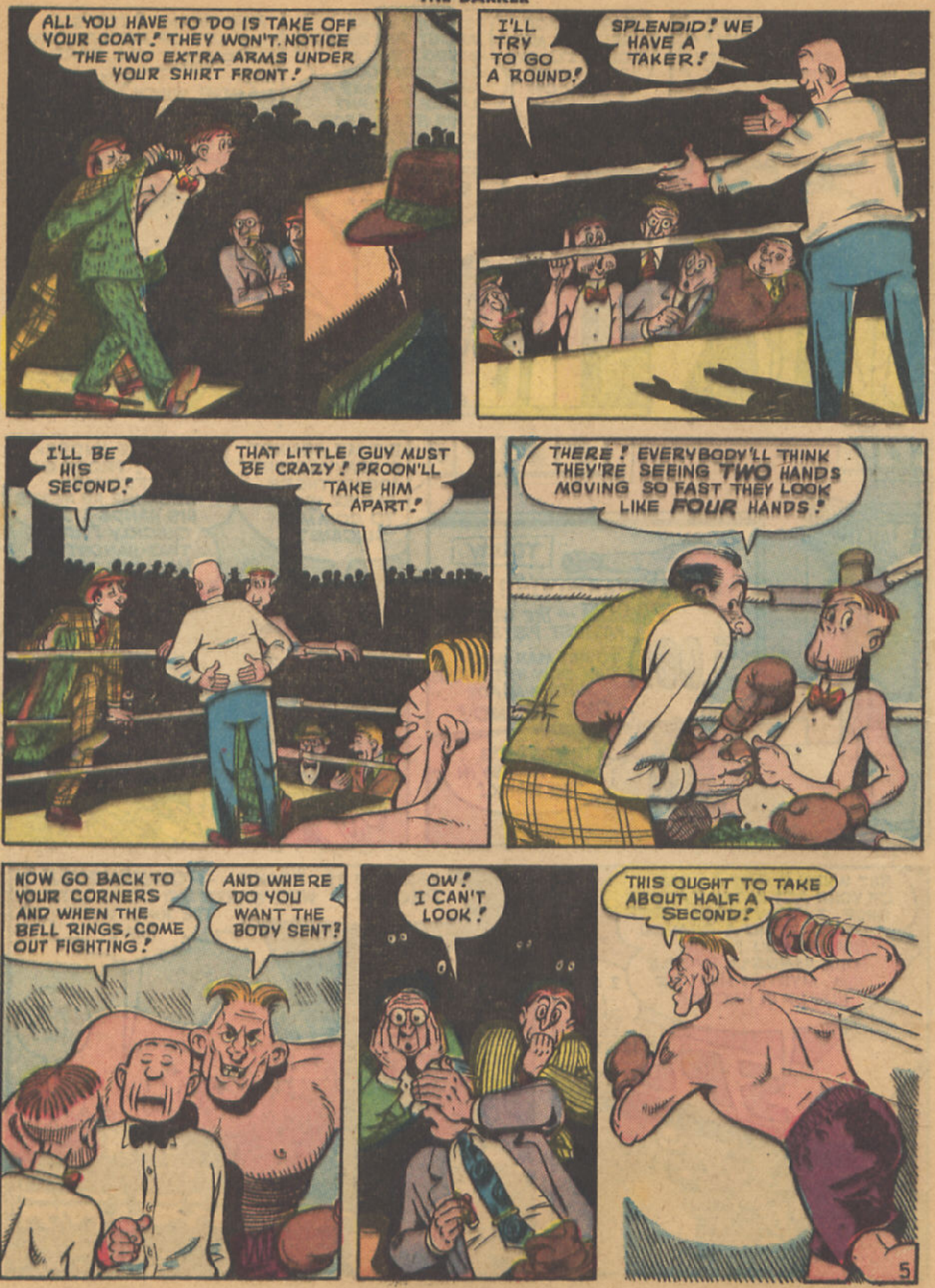
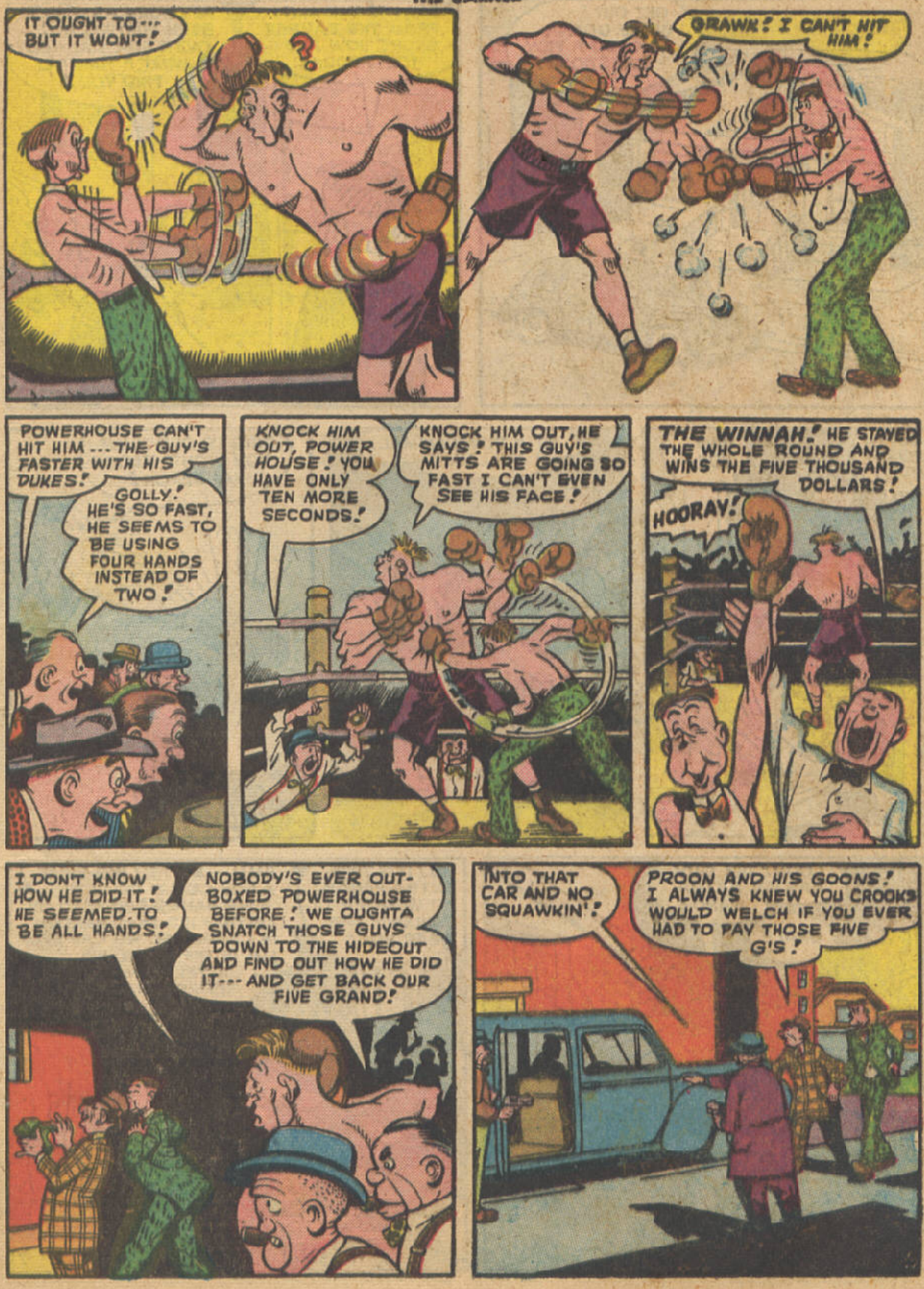
RIDICULOUS! LOOK AT THE SIGN!
SURE! BUT THAT'S FOR TWO HANDS! FOR FOUR HANDS, YOU PAY FOR TWO MANICURES!
Manicure $1.00
I MIGHT AGREE WITH YOU IF I HAD ANOTHER BUCK---BUT UNFORTUNATELY, I HAVEN'T!
THEN YOU BETTER HOPE THEY LET YOU INTO A HOSPITAL FOR FREE AFTER I GET THROUGH WITH YOU!
KEEP THIS UP AND YOU'LL RUIN MY MANICURE! THEN YOU'LL HAVE TO GIVE ME ANOTHER ONE FOR THE SAME BUCK!
STOP! I'VE SEEN ENOUGH!
HERE'S THE OTHER DOLLAR YOU CLAIM HE OWES YOU!
THAT'S FINE! BUT I STILL WISH I'D BEEN ABLE TO CLIP HIM ONE!
AND NOW, MY FRIEND, I'D LIKE A WORD WITH YOU! MY NAME'S CLINKER COLE!
I'M SPUDO!
BETTER GO BACK NOW, DOGGIE! I CAN'T STAY ANY LONGER!
COME BACK, FIDO! JOE AND I WILL SCRATCH YOUR BACK TOGETHER! THAT'LL MAKE FOUR HANDS!


POOR FIDO! HE MISSES THE FOUR-HANDED GUY! HE ISN'T SATISFIED WITH US AS SUBSTITUTES!
OWOOOO
THANKS FOR HELPING ME OUT! I'LL PAY BACK YOUR BUCK ON PAYDAY!
I DON'T CARE ABOUT THE BUCK, SPUDO! BUT A GUY WITH YOUR GIFT CAN MAKE A LITTLE PILE ANY TIME AT ALL! FOR INSTANCE, I KNOW HOW WE CAN SPLIT FIVE GRAND BETWEEN US IN NO TIME!
FIVE GRAND? THAT'S A LOT OF MOOLAH! I'M ALL EARS!
AND HANDS, WHICH IS WHAT GAVE ME THE IDEA! COME ON--- I'LL SHOW YOU!
ARENA
TODAY
POWERHOUSE PROON ... The WORLD'S FASTEST FISTS!
$5,000 TO ANY MAN WHO CAN STAY IN THE RING WITH HIM FOR ONE ROUND!
THERE! IT'S LIKE MONEY IN THE BANK!
BUT ME AGAINST A HEAVYWEIGHT! AREN'T THERE EASIER WAYS TO COMMIT SUICIDE?
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! PROON GOT HIS REPUTATION BECAUSE HE MOVES HIS HANDS SO QUICKLY! NO TWO-HANDED MAN CAN PARRY HIS BLOWS!
BUT WHEN I GOT A LOAD OF YOUR ACT IN THE BARBER SHOP, I KNEW PROON NEVER WOULD STAND A CHANCE AGAINST YOU! YOUR FOUR HANDS'LL BAFFLE HIM, MYSTIFY HIM, TIE HIM UP IN KNOTS!
I GET IT! OKAY, LET'S VOLUNTEER!
SPU
HERE HE IS, FOLKS--- POWERHOUSE PROON! WHO WANTS TO COME INTO THE RING WITH HIM?
AND GET KILLED?
NOT ME!


ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS TAKE OFF YOUR COAT! THEY WON'T NOTICE THE TWO EXTRA ARMS UNDER YOUR SHIRT FRONT!
I'LL TRY TO GO A ROUND!
SPLENDID! WE HAVE A TAKER!
I'LL BE HIS SECOND!
THAT LITTLE GUY MUST BE CRAZY! PROON'LL TAKE HIM APART!
THERE! EVERYBODY'LL THINK THEY'RE SEEING TWO HANDS MOVING SO FAST THEY LOOK LIKE FOUR HANDS!
NOW GO BACK TO YOUR CORNERS AND WHEN THE BELL RINGS, COME OUT FIGHTING!
AND WHERE DO YOU WANT THE BODY SENT?
OW! I CAN'T LOOK!
THIS OUGHT TO TAKE ABOUT HALF A SECOND!


IT OUGHT TO··· BUT IT WON'T!
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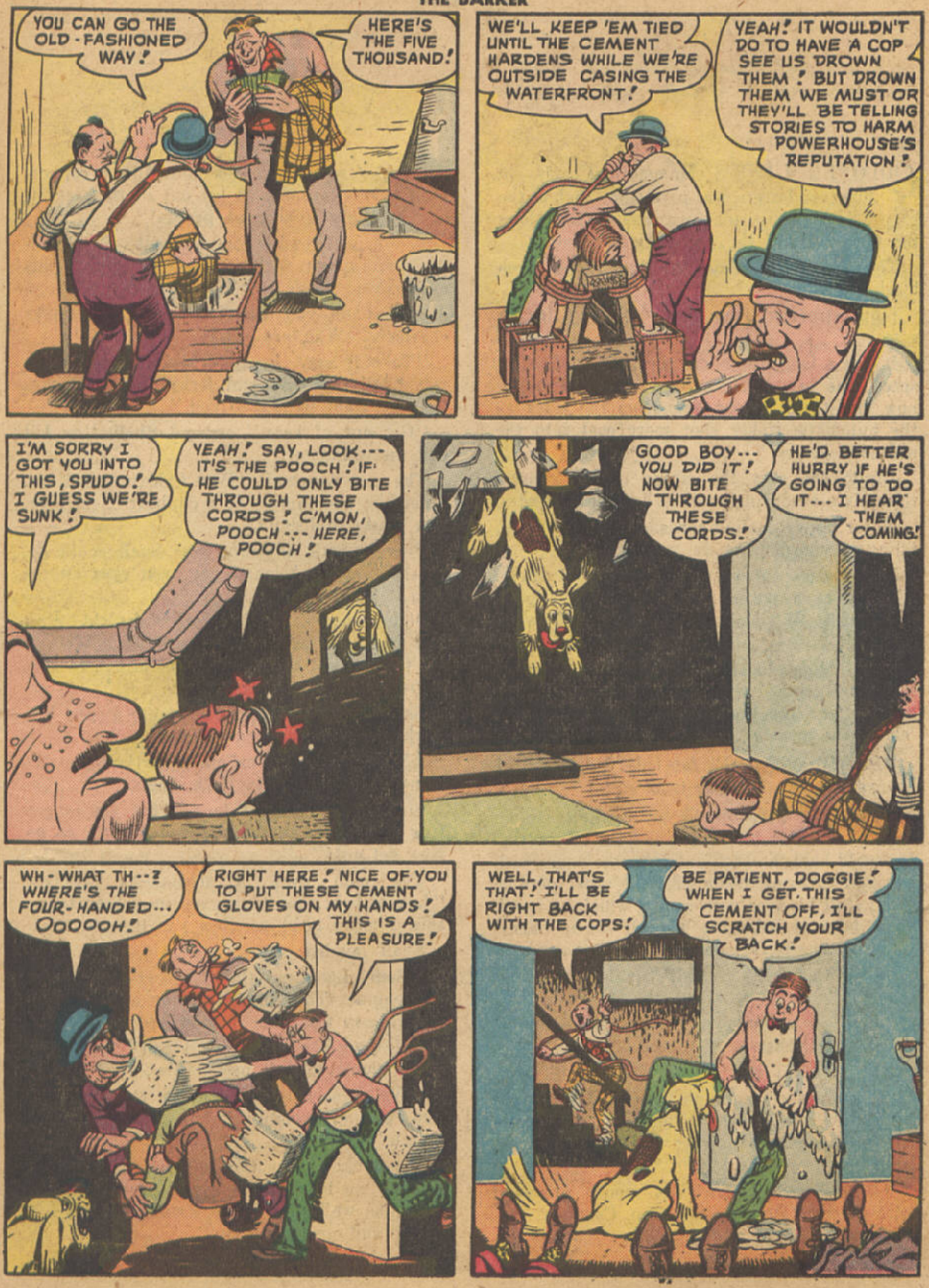
GRAWK! I CAN'T HIT HIM!
POWERHOUSE CAN'T HIT HIM --- THE GUY'S FASTER WITH HIS DUKES!
GOLLY! HE'S SO FAST, HE SEEMS TO BE USING FOUR HANDS INSTEAD OF TWO!
KNOCK HIM OUT, POWER HOUSE! YOU HAVE ONLY TEN MORE SECONDS!
KNOCK HIM OUT, HE SAYS! THIS GUY'S MITTS ARE GOING SO FAST I CAN'T EVEN SEE HIS FACE!
THE WINNAH! HE STAYED THE WHOLE ROUND AND WINS THE FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS!
HOORAY!
I DON'T KNOW HOW HE DID IT! HE SEEMED TO BE ALL HANDS!
NOBODY'S EVER OUT-BOXED POWERHOUSE BEFORE! WE OUGHTA SNATCH THOSE GUYS DOWN TO THE HIDEOUT AND FIND OUT HOW HE DID IT--- AND GET BACK OUR FIVE GRAND!
INTO THAT CAR AND NO SQUAWKIN'!
PROON AND HIS GOONS! I ALWAYS KNEW YOU CROOKS WOULD WELCH IF YOU EVER HAD TO PAY THOSE FIVE G'S!

GET OUT! WE'RE GONNA ASK YOU A FEW QUESTIONS!
SAY, IT'S THE MUTT FROM THE BARBER SHOP! HOW ARE YOU, POOCH?
HE LOOKS AS IF HE'S BEEN HUNTING ALL OVER FOR YOU--- BUT WHAT A TIME TO FIND YOU!
OUTTA HERE, MUTT!
WHY, YOU---
YIPE!
HIT A DUMB ANIMAL, WILL YA?
THIS IS ONE TIME YOU WON'T BLOCK MY PUNCH!
LOOK! THE GUY HAS AN EXTRA HAND!
WHAT?
NO! IT'S TWO EXTRA HANDS! NO WONDER I COULDN'T GET NEAR HIM!
HMM--- NO TELLING WHAT A GUY COULD DO WITH FOUR HANDS! INSTEAD OF LETTING HIS FEET HARDEN IN CEMENT SO WE CAN DROP HIM IN THE RIVER, WE BETTER CEMENT HIS FOUR HANDS!


YOU CAN GO THE OLD-FASHIONED WAY!
HERE'S THE FIVE THOUSAND!
WE'LL KEEP 'EM TIED UNTIL THE CEMENT HARDENS WHILE WE'RE OUTSIDE CASING THE WATERFRONT!
YEAH! IT WOULDN'T DO TO HAVE A COP SEE US DROWN THEM! BUT DROWN THEM WE MUST OR THEY'LL BE TELLING STORIES TO HARM POWERHOUSE'S REPUTATION!
I'M SORRY I GOT YOU INTO THIS, SPUDO! I GUESS WE'RE SUNK!
YEAH! SAY, LOOK--- IT'S THE POOCH! IF HE COULD ONLY BITE THROUGH THESE CORDS! C'MON, POOCH--- HERE, POOCH!
GOOD BOY--- YOU DID IT! NOW BITE THROUGH THESE CORDS!
HE'D BETTER HURRY IF HE'S GOING TO DO IT--- I HEAR THEM COMING!
WH-WHAT TH--? WHERE'S THE FOUR-HANDED--- OOOOOH!
RIGHT HERE! NICE OF YOU TO PUT THESE CEMENT GLOVES ON MY HANDS! THIS IS A PLEASURE!
WELL, THAT'S THAT! I'LL BE RIGHT BACK WITH THE COPS!
BE PATIENT, DOGGIE! WHEN I GET THIS CEMENT OFF, I'LL SCRATCH YOUR BACK!

SNAKE Medicine

COLONEL LANE'S Mammoth Circus, in huge red letters, was painted on each of the bright yellow railroads cars that snaked along the track behind the puffing locomotive.

The moonlight made the red letters look black.

Light streamed from many windows in the cars.

It was a long grade and the train made slow speed, the big engine's drive wheels slipping now and then. Sparks flew from the stack as the automatic stoker shot more coal into the white-hot grates.

Inside the cars the circus people amused themselves according to their individual tastes.

Major Midge dealing cards. Across from him, filling an enormous space, was Lena,

Lena was chuckling, shaking all over. "Major, as a poker player, you are a good blacksmith. Why, I have nearly all your money!"

Major Midge looked at the stack in front of Lena and grinned wryly. "In poker," said the major, "it's the breaks that count. You have 'em at the moment; I'll get you later."

"Pooh!" sniffed the fat lady. "It's skill I always say. . . . I'll take two."

In another car, Spudo sat reading. Spudo had it over most folks when it came to reading. He could hold the book and turn the pages with one pair of arms, while with the other pair he could stuff his face with candy, which he loved. Thus he was indulging himself when Carnie Calahan, The Barker, entered the compartment.

"Hi, Carnie!" called Spudo. "What's cookin'?"

"You see a guy you never saw before?" asked The Barker.

"I don't get it," replied Spudo.

"There's a stranger on board," Carnie told him. "Several of the gang have seen him, sneaking around. I have to find him. Some spy probably."

"Blup," said Spudo, his mouth crammed with candy "Hope ya find him, Carnie."

In the last car, Shali, the snake charmer, sat on her bunk looking into a small mirror. "Hm," she said, "getting to look more like a copperhead every day. Got to get out of this racket, or I'll begin hissing at people!"

The door of Shali's compartment opened suddenly and a man with a cap pulled low over his eyes shoved inside and closed the door.

"What do you want?" gasped the snake charmer. "Who are you?"

"Take it easy, honey," said the man, who was small and wiry and jerky in his motions. "I only want to talk to you."

"Get out of here," ordered Shali, "or I'll call the conductor."

The man laughed. "Won't do no good, sis. I got him tied him up in a cupboard. . . . Now, you ready to listen?"

There wasn't anything else Shali could do, so she nodded, keeping her keen eyes on the man. "What is it?"

"This show's headin' for Wakefield, ain't it?" the man asked. Shali nodded. "Well, it ain't gonna get there, see. I got orders to keep it from gettin' there. Catch?"

Shali gasped. "Why you—you're a spy! You work for another circus——"

"Now you're catchin' on, sis!" the little man grinned. "Well, do we do business?"

Shali said, "I don't know what you're getting at mister, but whatever it is, it's no go. Now get out!"

The man drew a snub-nosed revolver. "Listen, babe, don't give me no reason to use this. I mean business. Now you listenin'?"

Shali nodded.

Colonel Lane and the office car was next to the engine. The colonel sat at a small desk listening to what The Barker had to say.

"He's on the train, but I can't find him," said Calahan. "He's probably a spy."

"Well," said Lane, "we can stop the train and get everybody off; then make a real search."

Carnie made a motion with his hands. "But colonel, we haven't the time! At our present schedule, we'll just make Wakefield in time to set up and open the show."

The colonel nodded. "Yes, that's right. Well,

I don't know what to suggest. Maybe the man doesn't plan anything. Maybe it's just a tramp catching a hop."

The Barker nodded slowly. "Ye-eah, could be; but I feel somethin' in the air. We've been on too long a run of luck for it to hold out."

"We'll hope for the best," the colonel said.

Spudo laid aside the book he had just finished. He yawned and stretched. He felt stuffed with candy. He got up and paced back and forth in the narrow confines of his compartment. He thought about Carnie Calahan and the strange man on board.

"Not a good thing to have a spy on a circus train," Spudo said to himself. "Not good. Never can tell what one of them mugs is liable to do. Guess I'll go see what Major Midge is doin'."

As Spudo stepped into the dark corridor and started along it, a heavy weight clanked on his head. With a low groan he slumped to the floor and lay still.

The small man with the low-pulled cap slunk on along the corridor of the car, passed through into the next one. He was making for the head of the train. He would have to pass through several more cars. He chuckled. Things were working out pretty well. There would be five hundred bucks in his pocket when he pulled this job!

Next to the last car, the small man found his way barred. The iron gate of the office car was locked. He could see a dim light inside, even hear voices; but he couldn't budge the gate.

With a muffled curse the little man began climbing up the iron rungs of the ladder at the end of the car. He would have to go over the roof and down between the car and tender.

He made it after a few minutes and began the climb down into darkness. The roar of the engine's furnace and wheels was deafening here. He fumbled for a foothold, found it, and locked an arm through a railing. In a moment he had a huge piece of waste out of his jacket, poured gasoline from a bottle over it, and jammed it where the draft of the rushing train would do the most good.

Then he was climbing up and over the car again.

"Well," said The Barker, getting up, "I guess I'll make the rounds again. . . . I don't like the idea of that yahoo being on board."

"Hope you find the rascal," Colonel Lane said. "Good night, Carnie!"

"Night, Colonel!" Carnie unlocked the iron gate and pulled it to behind him. The latch clicked.

Carnie had gone through two cars—they were quiet now—when he thought he smelled smoke.

Now fire on a circus train is a dreaded thing. There are not only human beings but many animals. Fire usually is tragic in a circus. The animals stampede. The human beings do almost as badly. Carnie hurried through two more cars, looking everywhere. He saw no fire, but he smelled the smoke plainer than ever.

On the vestibule between the next two cars he got a good whiff of wood smoke. Quickly he reached up and pulled the emergency brake cord. The train came to an abrupt stop, screeching its wheels.

Carnie jumped to the gravel right-of-way and instantly saw the fire leaping up over the first car—Col. Lane's car!

By this time everybody was awake and piling off the train. Fire equipment was broken out and a stream of water played over the flames.

"Watch for a strange guy!" yelled Carnie as he hurried along the siding. When he came to the last car, mentally checking everyone in the troup, he suddenly became aware that Shali the snake charmer was not accounted for.

"Where's Shali?" he asked Spudo, standing near.

"In her car probably," replied Spudo.

But when they broke into Shali's car, she wasn't there. But another was: a small man backed into a far corner. He was shrieking and calling for help. A huge python waved in front of him, barring his escape.

"Why, it's Chakka, Shali's Python!" cried Carnie. "He's trapped that spy! But where's Shali?"

"Here I am," said Shali, climbing down from the roof of the car. "Did Chakka get him?"

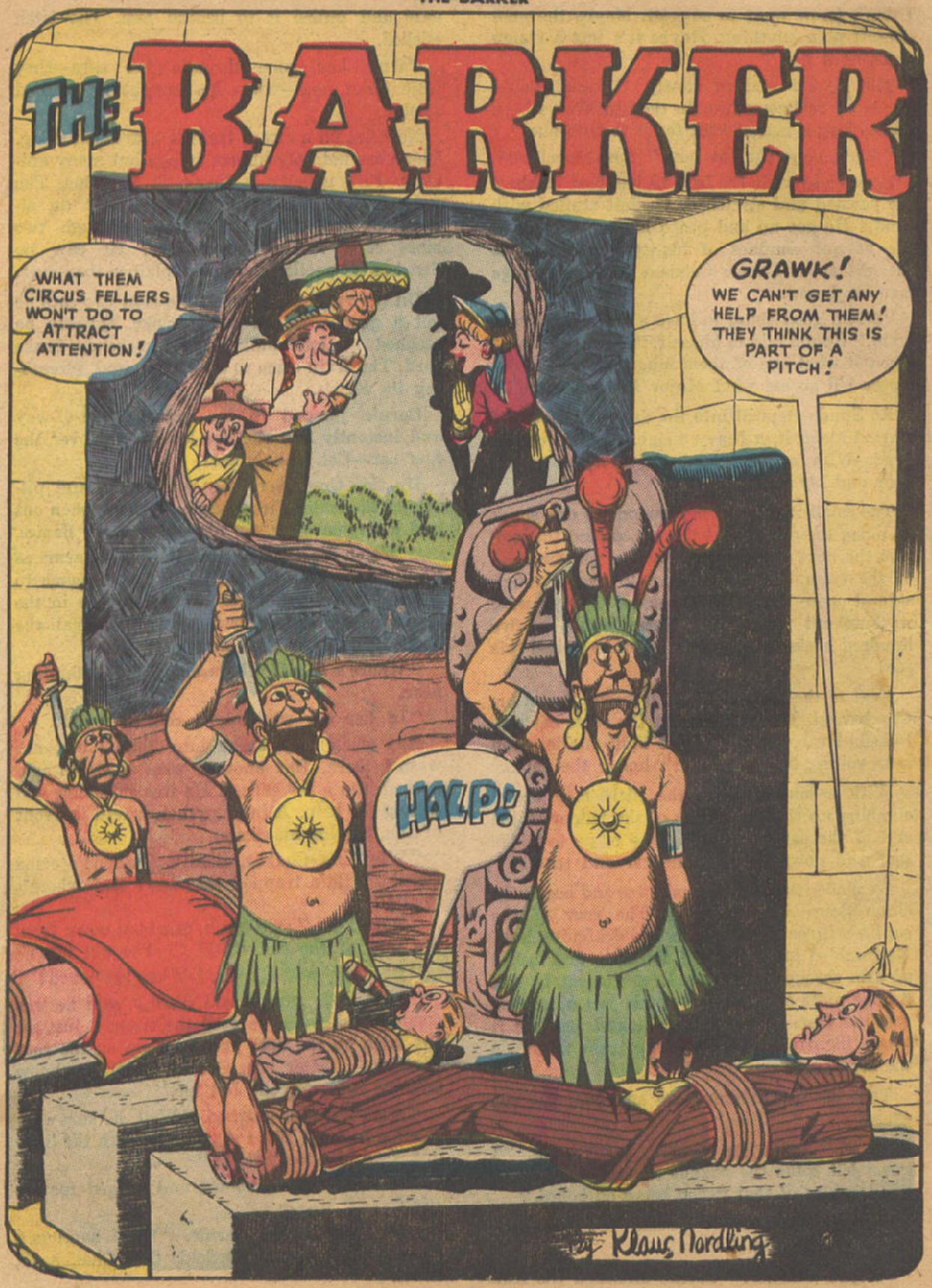
"He did," said Carnie. "What happened?"

"That little runt," said Shali, "said he was coming back when he fired the train. I just set the latch on the door and went up on the roof to wait. . . . after I let Chakka loose. You know how he hates anyone but me."

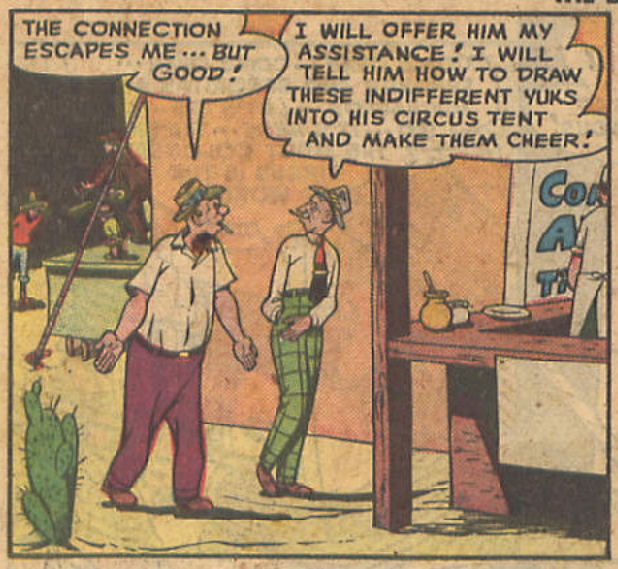
Carnie Calahan laughed. "Well, he sure captured a firebug! What shall we do with the little ape, feed him to Chakka?"

The little man screamed and begged for his life.

"All right," said Carnie. "We'll hand you over to the law in Wakefield! Call Chakka off, Shali."


THE BARKER
WHAT THEM CIRCUS FELLERS WON'T DO TO ATTRACT ATTENTION!
GRAWK! WE CAN'T GET ANY HELP FROM THEM! THEY THINK THIS IS PART OF A PITCH!
HALP!
by Klaus Nordling

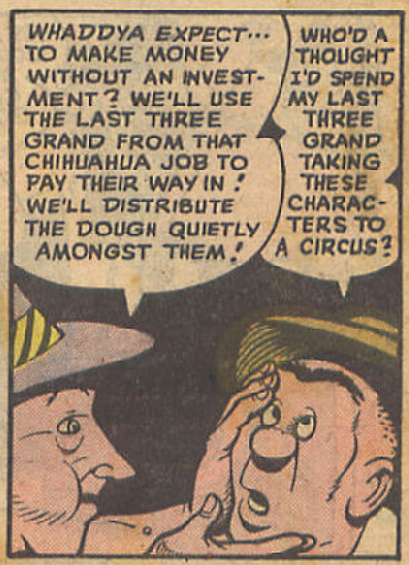
GOSH! I SURE AM EXCITED FOR AN OLD TROUPER! BUT THIS IS OUR FIRST STAND IN MEXICO! HOW DO I LOOK, CARNIE?
TERRIFIC, SEÑORITA! TO SAY NOTHING OF TREMENDOUS!
COME OVAH ... COME OVAH ... SEÑORES AND SEÑORITAS AND MUCHACHOS ... LET'S GO ... LET'S GO ... IT'S HERE ... THE BIGGEST, THE MOST COLOSSAL CIRCUS IN THE WORLD!
YES, SIREE ... IT'S COLONEL LANE'S MAMMOTH CIRCUS ... IT'S GOT EVERYTHING!
NOODLES, THIS IS A SITUATION WHICH GIVES ME THE IDEA OF MY LIFE!
IGGIE, IT HAS BEEN SO LONG SINCE YOU HAD AN IDEA, EVEN A BAD ONE, THAT I'M ALL EARS!
ADMITTEDLY, IN THE THREE MONTHS WE HAVE BEEN ON THE LAM FROM THE LAND OF THE FREE AND THE HOME OF THE BRAVE, MY MIND HAS BEEN SLIGHTLY STAGNANT!
PRACTICALLY BLANK! FOR EXAMPLE, THIS BRAIN OF MINE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO FIGURE A WAY TO CRACK THAT BIG STONE JUG WHERE THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT IS KEEPING SO MUCH OF THAT GORGEOUS YELLOW STUFF THEY CALL GOLD!
BUT WHICH IS REALLY MEAT AND DRINK TO YOU AND ME! SO CONTINUE!
AND THAT BANK'S RIGHT HERE IN THIS LITTLE BURG WHERE WE HAVE BEEN HOLED UP THESE MANY MONTHS! TSK, TSK!
IGGIE, I TAKE IT YOU ARE NO LONGER IN A DILEMMA ... SO GIVE OUT WITH THE IDEA AND KINDLY STATE WHAT GIVE IT TO YOU!
THE TROUBLE HE'S HAVING WITH THE LOCAL POPULACE GIVE IT TO ME!


THE CONNECTION ESCAPES ME··· BUT GOOD!
I WILL OFFER HIM MY ASSISTANCE! I WILL TELL HIM HOW TO DRAW THESE INDIFFERENT YUKS INTO HIS CIRCUS TENT AND MAKE THEM CHEER!

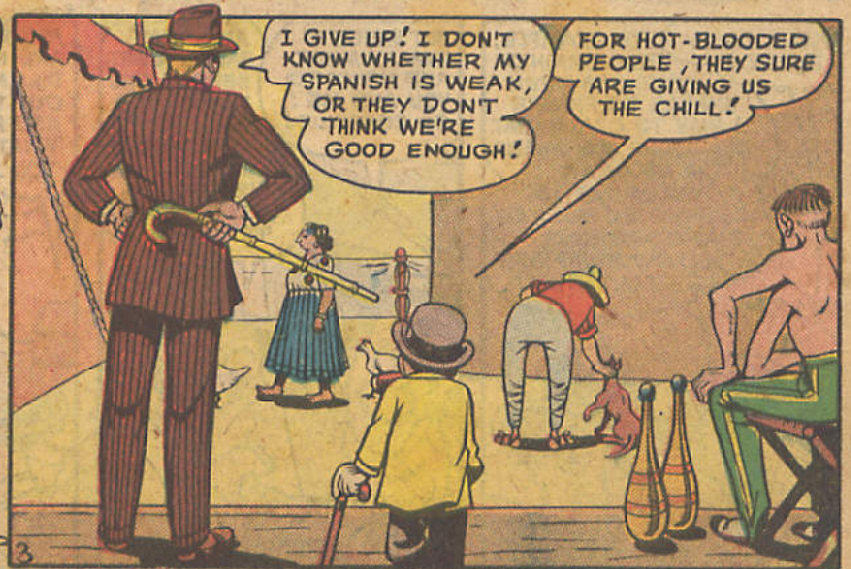
HOW WILL YOU DO THAT AND WHY, AND IN WHICH WAY WILL IT HELP US BUST INTO THE JUG WITHOUT HAVING THE CONSTABULARY SIT UPON OUR NECKS?
I SHALL NOW EXPLAIN! THIS IS AZTEC COUNTRY ···I WILL PERSUADE THIS BARKER TO PUT ON A PAGEANT IN WHICH HE WILL SHOW THE ANCIENT AZTECS AND THEIR SPANISH CONQUERORS! HISTORICAL HAROLD WILL DO THE REST!

BUT HISTORICAL HAROLD IS A NUT WHO JUST KEEPS DIGGING IN OLD MOUNDS!
AN ARCHEOLOGIST WHO SOMETIMES THINKS HE IS MONTEZUMA! WHEN HE AND THE NATIVES SEE THE PAGEANT, I PREDICT A RHUBARB SUCH AS HAS NEVER BEEN SEEN EVEN IN BROOKLYN!

EVERY COPPER IN TOWN WILL HAVE HIS HANDS FULL HERE, AND WE CAN TAKE OUR TIME BUSTING UP THAT BANK!
COULD BE IT'LL WORK··· BUT EVEN FOR THE PAGEANT, THESE PEONS WON'T BE ABLE TO GET UP THE TWO PESOS FOR ADMISSION! AND IF THEY CAN'T GET IN, THEY CAN'T SEE IT TO GET MAD!


WHADDYA EXPECT··· TO MAKE MONEY WITHOUT AN INVESTMENT? WE'LL USE THE LAST THREE GRAND FROM THAT CHIHUAHUA JOB TO PAY THEIR WAY IN! WE'LL DISTRIBUTE THE DOUGH QUIETLY AMONGST THEM!
WHO'D A THOUGHT I'D SPEND MY LAST THREE GRAND TAKING THESE CHARACTERS TO A CIRCUS?

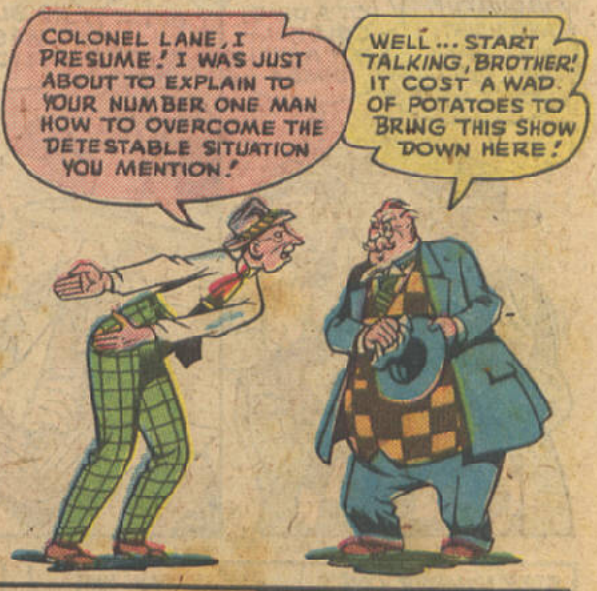
RELAX, NOODLES! I'M GOING TO WORK!


I GIVE UP! I DON'T KNOW WHETHER MY SPANISH IS WEAK, OR THEY DON'T THINK WE'RE GOOD ENOUGH!
FOR HOT-BLOODED PEOPLE, THEY SURE ARE GIVING US THE CHILL!

HI, PAL! WANT ANY SYMPATHY FROM A FELLOW COUNTRYMAN?
AN ASPIRIN'D BE BETTER! GOT ONE?
ONE AND ONLY
FINY
AMSON
tower of strength
THE SEVEN
WONDI
SHO

AN UNPREDICTABLE PEOPLE, UNLESS YOU KNOW THEIR LIKES AND DISLIKES! HAVE ONE!
THANKS! DO I GATHER THAT YOU KNOW THEM?

CHUM, YOU ARE TALKING TO IGGIE HOOTENFRITZ, THE GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY'S BEST FRIEND! WHAT I DON'T KNOW ABOUT MEXICO WON'T FIT INTO A TORTILLA!
CARNIE... WHAT ON EARTH'S THE MATTER? THE RUBES SHUNNED US AS IF WE HAD THE PLAGUE!


COLONEL LANE, I PRESUME! I WAS JUST ABOUT TO EXPLAIN TO YOUR NUMBER ONE MAN HOW TO OVERCOME THE DETESTABLE SITUATION YOU MENTION!
WELL... START TALKING, BROTHER! IT COST A WAD OF POTATOES TO BRING THIS SHOW DOWN HERE!

AND WHAT DID YOU BRING THEM? LIONS AND TIGERS, CLOWNS AND HIGH WIRE ACTS, A MIDGET AND A FAT LADY!
AND WHAT, SIR, IS WRONG WITH THAT?

NOTHING, FOR MOST PLACES! BUT, THIS, MY FRIEND, IS AZTEC COUNTRY! THESE PEOPLE ARE ANCESTOR CONSCIOUS!
SO WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO... GIVE 'EM A SEANCE?

NOT AT ALL, CHUM! GIVE 'EM A PAGEANT! THEY'LL EAT IT UP! JUST A FULL DRESS PARADE IN A TENT... THE AZTECS LED BY MONTEZUMA AND THE SPANIARDS LED BY CORTEZ!
IT'LL PUT 'EM TO SLEEP!
WAIT A MOMENT, CARNIE! MAYBE HE'S RIGHT! OUR PEOPLE CAN PLAY THE SPANIARDS... BUT WHO'S GOING TO PROVIDE THE AZTECS?
LEAVE THAT TO ME, COLONEL! I'LL BRING ALL YOU NEED!
HARUMPH! AND WHAT, MAY I ASK, WILL ALL THIS COST ME?
NOT A DIME, COLONEL... NOT A THIN DIME!
BUT...
NO BUTS! DIDN'T I TELL YOU I WAS THE GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY'S BEST FRIEND? TO ME, THIS IS A LABOR OF LOVE!
A RIGHT GUY, CARNIE... A GOOD JOE! IT'S HEART-WARMING TO MEET A COMPATRIOT LIKE THAT IN A FOREIGN LAND!
YEAH.. I HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT!
STEP NUMBER ONE'S TAKEN CARE OF! NOW TO FIND HISTORICAL HAROLD!
I SAW HIM YESTERDAY, DIGGING NEAR A CAVE! MAYBE HE'S STILL THERE!
NOODLES, WE'RE IN LUCK! HISTORICAL HAROLD IS GOING THROUGH ONE OF HIS SPELLS WHEN HE THINKS HE'S MONTEZUMA!
I JUST HOPE HE DON'T GET TOO VIOLENT!
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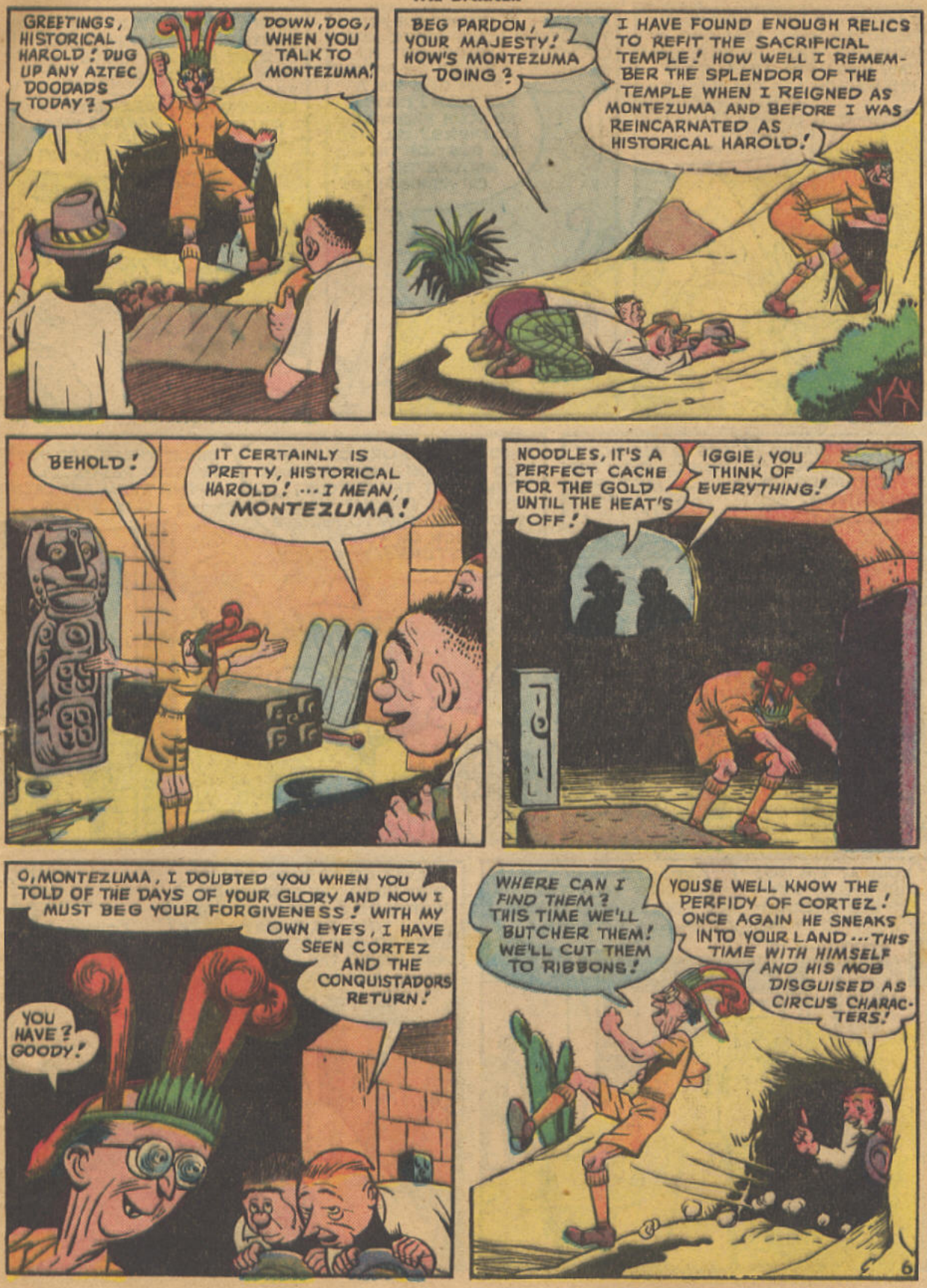
GREETINGS, HISTORICAL HAROLD! DUG UP ANY AZTEC DOODADS TODAY?
DOWN, DOG, WHEN YOU TALK TO MONTEZUMA!
BEG PARDON, YOUR MAJESTY! HOW'S MONTEZUMA DOING?
I HAVE FOUND ENOUGH RELICS TO REFIT THE SACRIFICIAL TEMPLE! HOW WELL I REMEMBER THE SPLENDOR OF THE TEMPLE WHEN I REIGNED AS MONTEZUMA AND BEFORE I WAS REINCARNATED AS HISTORICAL HAROLD!
BEHOLD!
IT CERTAINLY IS PRETTY, HISTORICAL HAROLD! ... I MEAN, MONTEZUMA!
NOODLES, IT'S A PERFECT CACHE FOR THE GOLD UNTIL THE HEAT'S OFF!
IGGIE, YOU THINK OF EVERYTHING!
O, MONTEZUMA, I DOUBTED YOU WHEN YOU TOLD OF THE DAYS OF YOUR GLORY AND NOW I MUST BEG YOUR FORGIVENESS! WITH MY OWN EYES, I HAVE SEEN CORTEZ AND THE CONQUISTADORS RETURN!
YOU HAVE? GOODY!
WHERE CAN I FIND THEM? THIS TIME WE'LL BUTCHER THEM! WE'LL CUT THEM TO RIBBONS!
YOUSE WELL KNOW THE PERFIDY OF CORTEZ! ONCE AGAIN HE SNEAKS INTO YOUR LAND ... THIS TIME WITH HIMSELF AND HIS MOB DISGUISED AS CIRCUS CHARACTERS!
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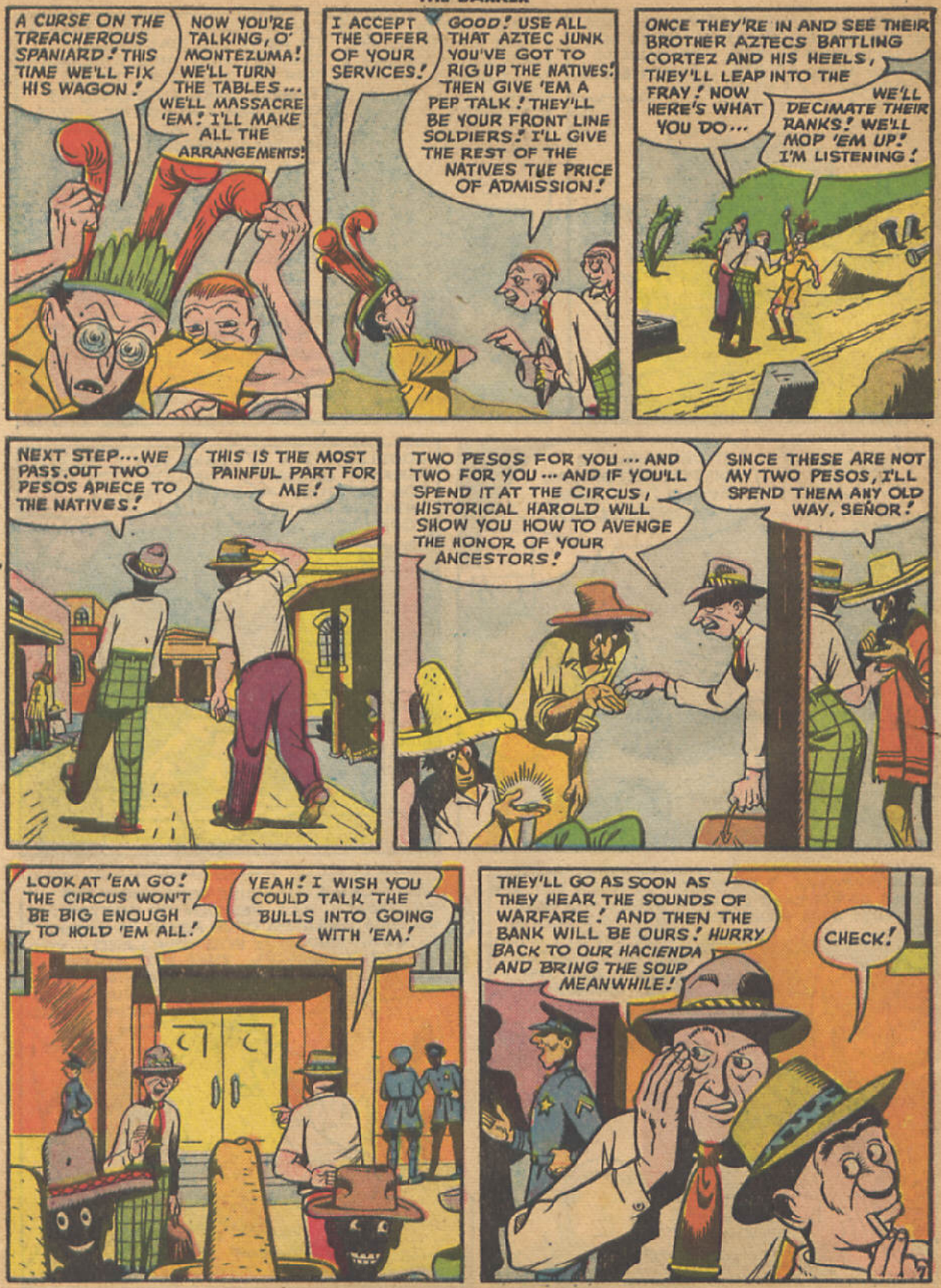
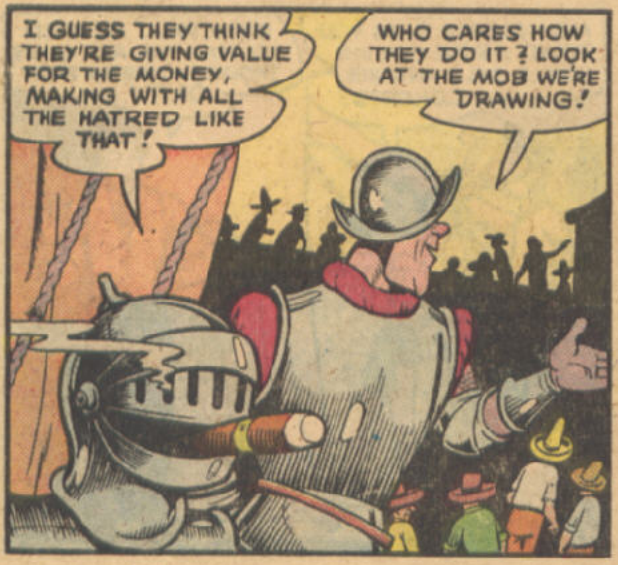

A CURSE ON THE TREACHEROUS SPANIARD! THIS TIME WE'LL FIX HIS WAGON!
NOW YOU'RE TALKING, O' MONTEZUMA! WE'LL TURN THE TABLES... WE'LL MASSACRE 'EM! I'LL MAKE ALL THE ARRANGEMENTS!
I ACCEPT THE OFFER OF YOUR SERVICES!
GOOD! USE ALL THAT AZTEC JUNK YOU'VE GOT TO RIG UP THE NATIVES! THEN GIVE 'EM A PEP TALK! THEY'LL BE YOUR FRONT LINE SOLDIERS! I'LL GIVE THE REST OF THE NATIVES THE PRICE OF ADMISSION!
ONCE THEY'RE IN AND SEE THEIR BROTHER AZTECS BATTLING CORTEZ AND HIS HEELS, THEY'LL LEAP INTO THE FRAY! NOW HERE'S WHAT YOU DO...
WE'LL DECIMATE THEIR RANKS! WE'LL MOP 'EM UP! I'M LISTENING!
NEXT STEP... WE PASS OUT TWO PESOS APIECE TO THE NATIVES!
THIS IS THE MOST PAINFUL PART FOR ME!
TWO PESOS FOR YOU ... AND TWO FOR YOU ... AND IF YOU'LL SPEND IT AT THE CIRCUS, HISTORICAL HAROLD WILL SHOW YOU HOW TO AVENGE THE HONOR OF YOUR ANCESTORS!
SINCE THESE ARE NOT MY TWO PESOS, I'LL SPEND THEM ANY OLD WAY, SEÑOR!
LOOK AT 'EM GO! THE CIRCUS WON'T BE BIG ENOUGH TO HOLD 'EM ALL!
YEAH! I WISH YOU COULD TALK THE BULLS INTO GOING WITH 'EM!
THEY'LL GO AS SOON AS THEY HEAR THE SOUNDS OF WARFARE! AND THEN THE BANK WILL BE OURS! HURRY BACK TO OUR HACIENDA AND BRING THE SOUP MEANWHILE!
CHECK!

Before the next performance at the circus...
GLAD I ALWAYS BELIEVED IN KEEPING OLD PROPS! THESE SUITS OF ARMOR'LL DO THE TRICK!
YEAH! TINY CAN BE CORTEZ BECAUSE HE'S THE BIGGEST!
I HOPE THAT SMOOTH TALKING IGGIE HOOTEN-FRITS COMES THROUGH WITH HIS AZTEC BOYS!
DON'T WORRY, CARNIE! I COULD TELL HE WAS RELIABLE!
COULD BE! BUT IT'S A HABIT WITH ME TO MISTRUST 'EM WHEN THEY'RE THAT GLIB!
THERE THEY COME, NOW! BY JOVE, THEY LOOK LIKE THE REAL THING, ALL RIGHT!
MONTEZUMA BIDS YOU STAND ASIDE FOR HIS NOBLE SELF AND HIS COHORTS!
OKAY, PAL! NO NEED TO PULL THE ACT ON US, THOUGH--- WE'RE PART OF IT!
LOOK! THE CUSTOMERS ARE COMING! THEY WENT FOR THE BALLY-HOO!
I'LL GIVE 'EM A QUICK SPIEL FOR A CONVINCER!
YOU'RE JUST IN TIME, AMIGOS, FOR THE BIGGEST PAGEANT IN HISTORY! SEE CORTEZ AND MONTEZUMA AND THEIR LEGIONS!
THEY DON'T NEED IT, CARNIE! THEY'RE SOLD!
GREATES
SHOW
AZTE

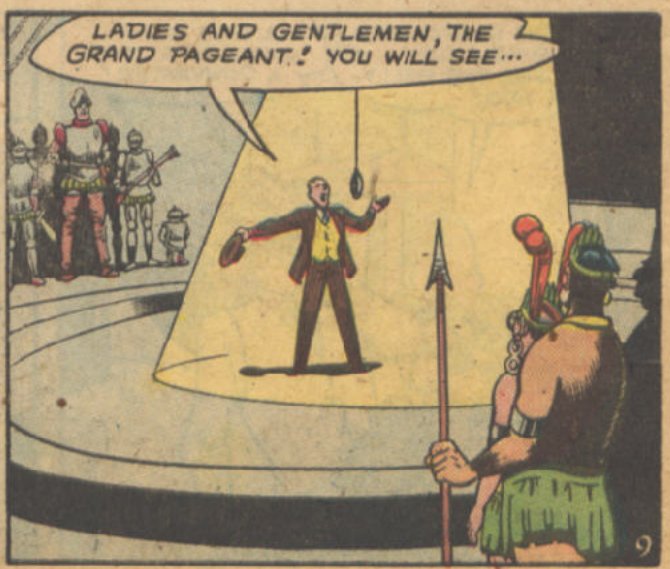
? ? ?
DOGS!
TREACHEROUS FOREIGNERS!

IT IS ONLY BECAUSE I PROMISED TO COOPERATE WITH THE KINDLY WHITE MEN WHO GAVE ME THE INFO THAT I REFRAIN FROM KILLING CORTEZ AND HIS VERMIN THIS MINUTE!
YES, INDEED, O PAYER OF PESOS.. I MEAN, O MONTEZUMA!

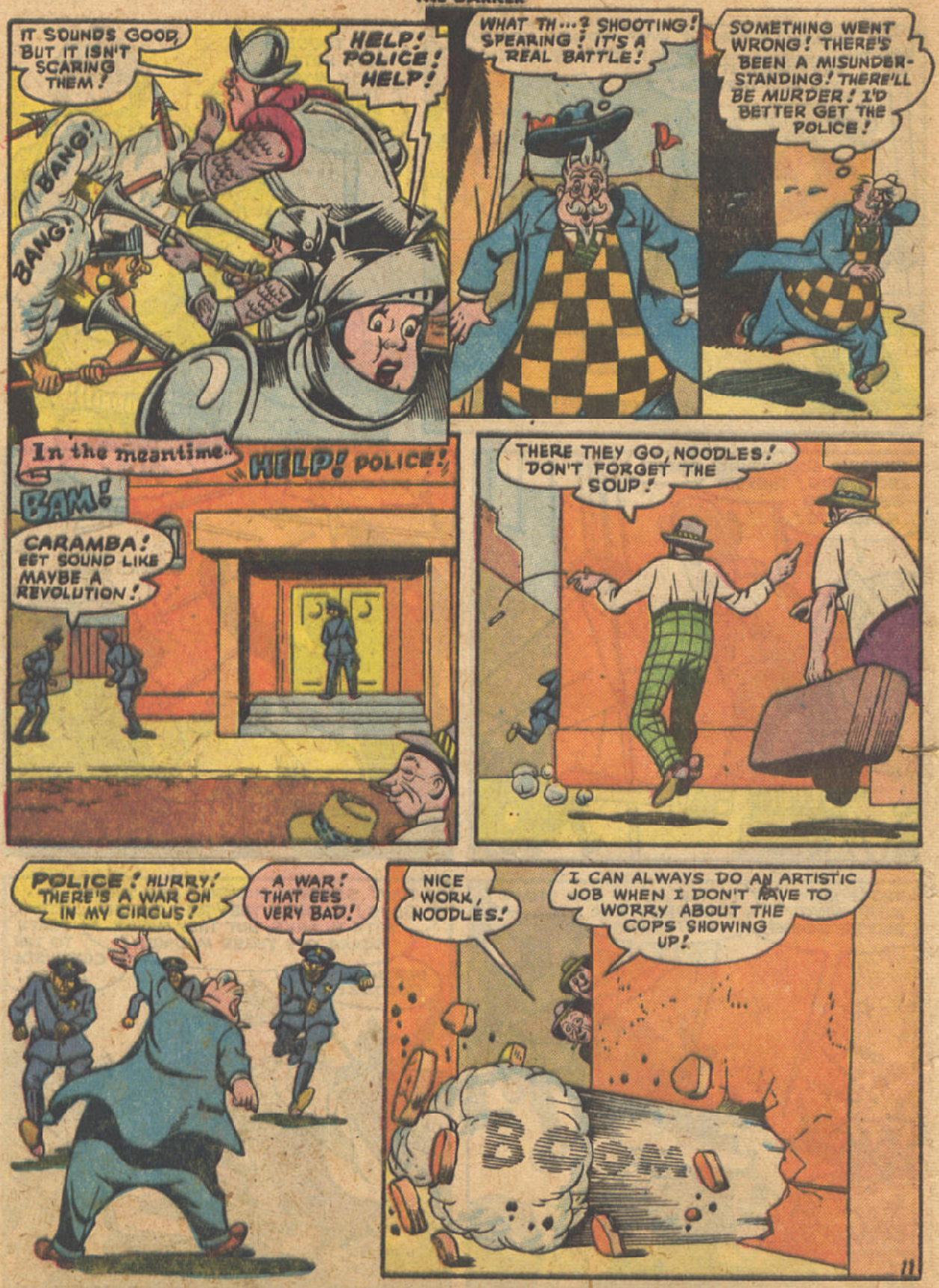

I GUESS THEY THINK THEY'RE GIVING VALUE FOR THE MONEY, MAKING WITH ALL THE HATRED LIKE THAT!
WHO CARES HOW THEY DO IT? LOOK AT THE MOB WE'RE DRAWING!

FUNNY IGGIE HOOTEN-FRITZ DIDN'T SHOW UP! FIRST IMPRESARIO I EVER SAW WHO DIDN'T WANT A GANDER AT HIS BRAIN CHILD!
A MAN WITH HIS TALENT MUST BE VERY BUSY, CARNIE! THE TENT'S FULL! THE SHOW GOES ON IN A FEW MINUTES!

THERE GOES THE FANFARE! TAKE OVER AS RINGMASTER, CARNIE! I WANT TO CHECK THE RECEIPTS!


LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE GRAND PAGEANT! YOU WILL SEE...

ENOUGH! I CANNOT WAIT ANOTHER MOMENT! AT THE ENEMY!
HEY! HOLD IT! I'M NOT THROUGH!
ARE THOSE GUYS NUTS? LOOK WHAT THEY'RE DOING TO CARNIE!
THERE'S SOMETHING QUEER ABOUT THIS! THEY'RE BEING TOO REALISTIC!
KILL THE INVADERS!
OLÉ!
CLANK!
THOSE NUTS MEAN WHAT THEY'RE DOING!
TO THE AID OF OUR BRAVE SOLDIERS! VIVA MONTEZUMA!
CLANK!
CLANK!
TINY! SPUDD! MIDGE! USE THOSE GUNS! I KNOW THEY'RE LOADED WITH BLANKS, BUT THEY MIGHT SCARE OFF THESE MADMEN!
DEATH TO CORTEZ!
DEATH TO THE CONQUISTADORES!


IT SOUNDS GOOD, BUT IT ISN'T SCARING THEM!
HELP! POLICE! HELP!
BANG!
BANG!
WHAT TH...? SHOOTING! SPEARING! IT'S A REAL BATTLE!
SOMETHING WENT WRONG! THERE'S BEEN A MISUNDERSTANDING! THERE'LL BE MURDER! I'D BETTER GET THE POLICE!
In the meantime..
HELP! POLICE!
BAM!
CARAMBA! EET SOUND LIKE MAYBE A REVOLUTION!
THERE THEY GO, NOODLES! DON'T FORGET THE SOUP!
POLICE! HURRY! THERE'S A WAR ON IN MY CIRCUS!
A WAR! THAT EES VERY BAD!
NICE WORK, NOODLES!
I CAN ALWAYS DO AN ARTISTIC JOB WHEN I DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THE COPS SHOWING UP!
BOOM
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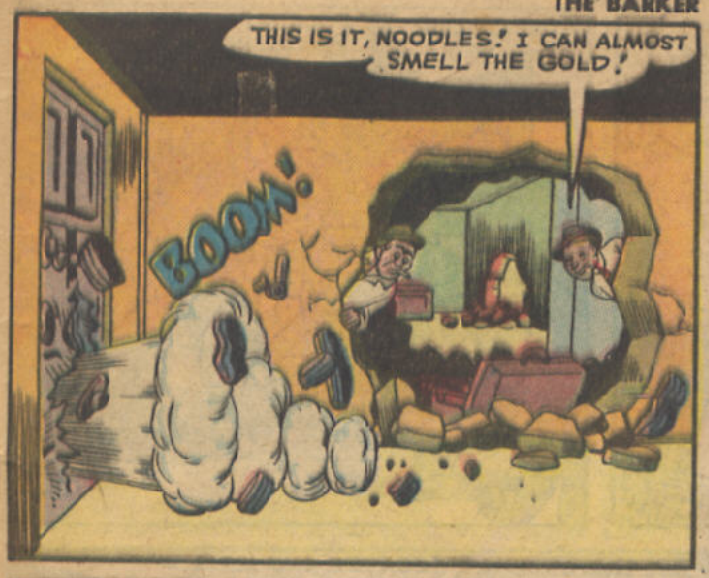
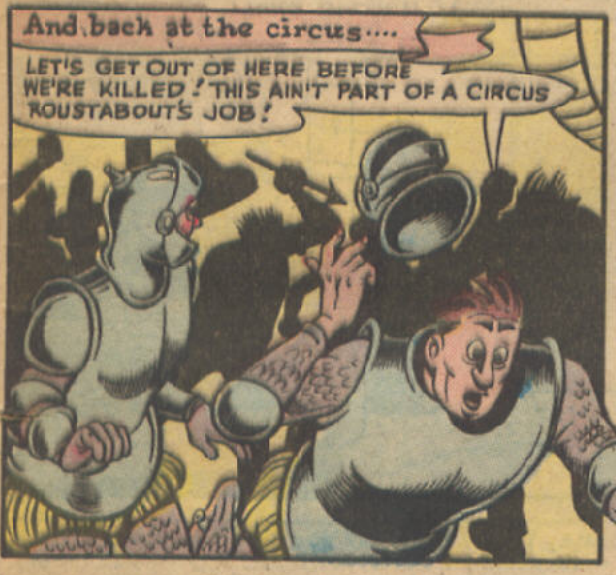
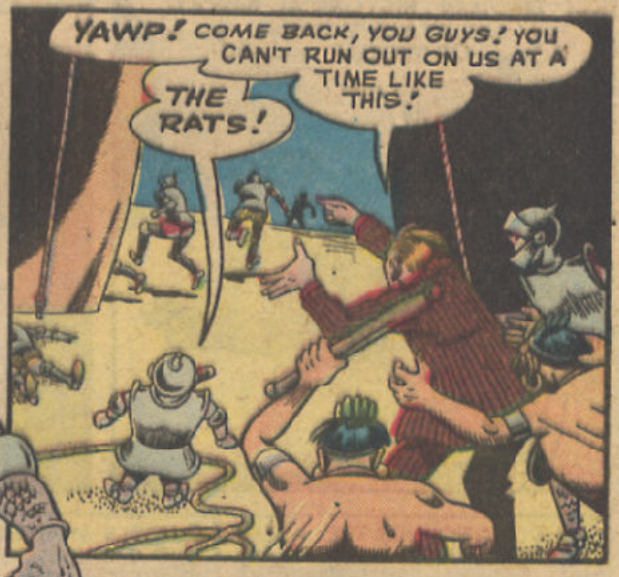
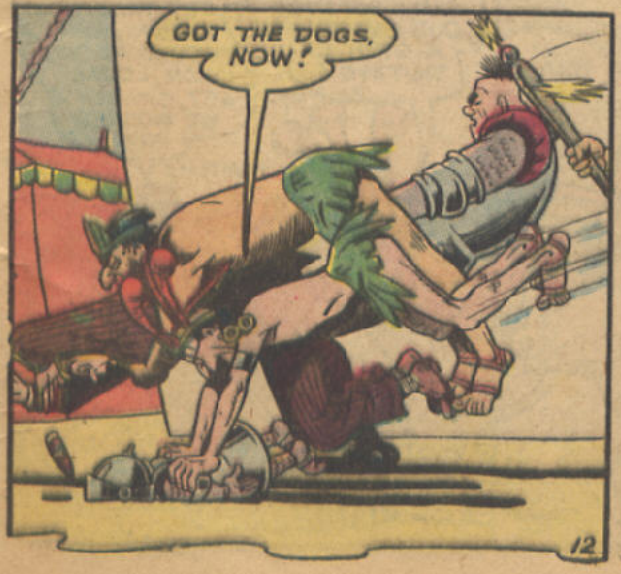

THIS IS IT, NOODLES! I CAN ALMOST SMELL THE GOLD!
BOOM!

WHAT A HAUL, IGGIE, WHAT A HAUL!
HURRY, NOODLES! WE'VE GOT TO STASH IT AWAY IN THE CAVE BEFORE THE COPS COME BACK FROM THE CIRCUS!


And back at the circus....
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE WE'RE KILLED! THIS AIN'T PART OF A CIRCUS ROUSTABOUT'S JOB!


YAWP! COME BACK, YOU GUYS! YOU CAN'T RUN OUT ON US AT A TIME LIKE THIS!
THE RATS!


GOT THE DOGS, NOW!
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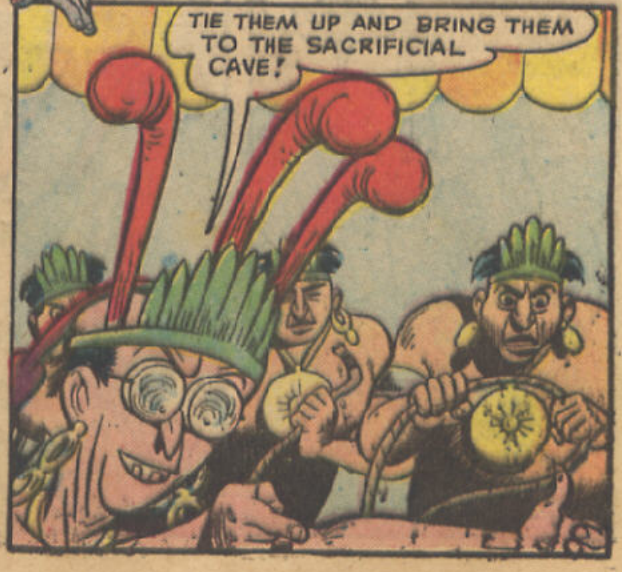
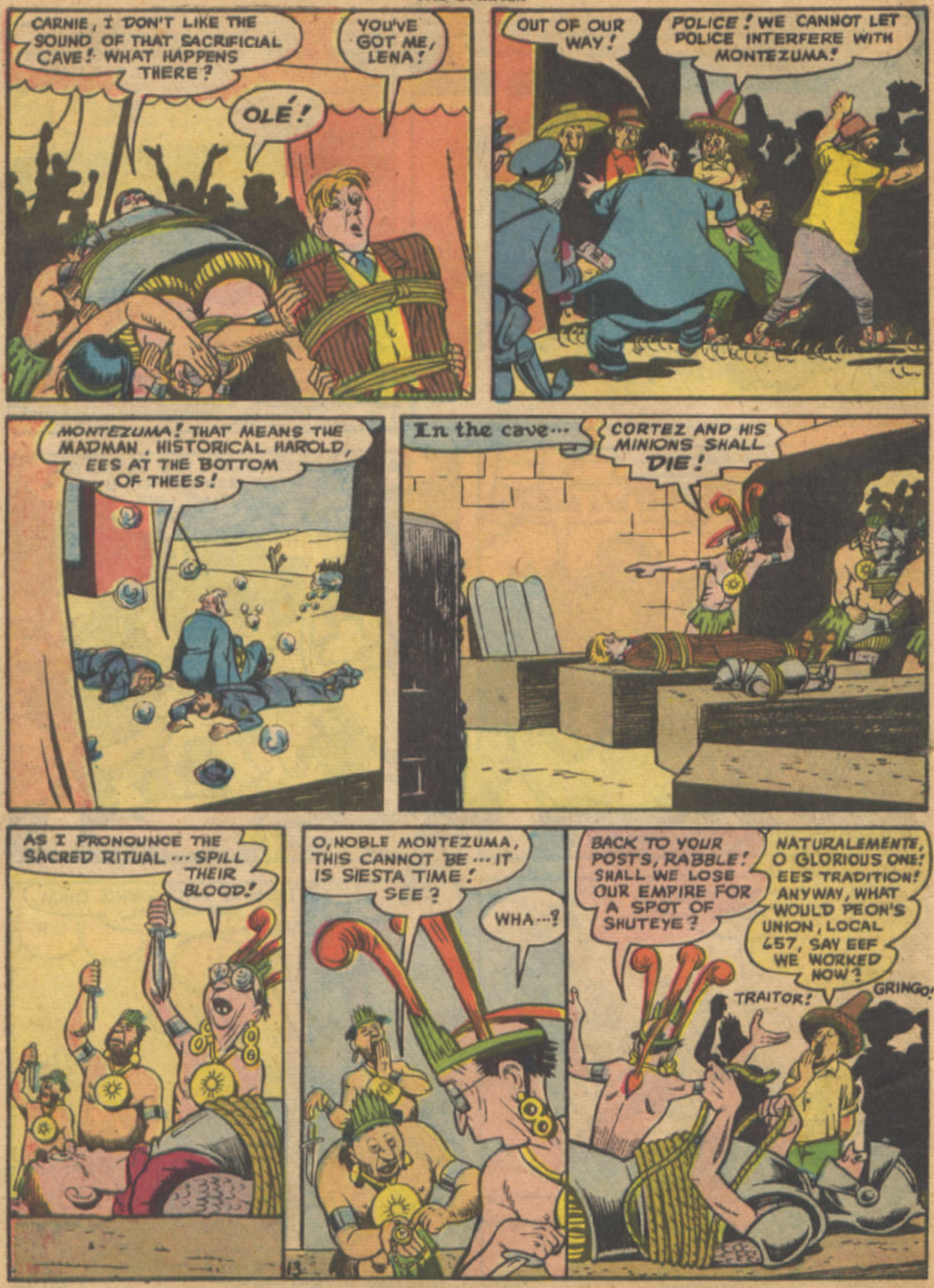

TIE THEM UP AND BRING THEM TO THE SACRIFICIAL CAVE!


CARNIE, I DON'T LIKE THE SOUND OF THAT SACRIFICIAL CAVE! WHAT HAPPENS THERE?
YOU'VE GOT ME, LENA!
OLÉ!
OUT OF OUR WAY!
POLICE! WE CANNOT LET POLICE INTERFERE WITH MONTEZUMA!
MONTEZUMA! THAT MEANS THE MADMAN, HISTORICAL HAROLD, EES AT THE BOTTOM OF THEES!
In the cave···
CORTEZ AND HIS MINIONS SHALL DIE!
AS I PRONOUNCE THE SACRED RITUAL··· SPILL THEIR BLOOD!
O, NOBLE MONTEZUMA, THIS CANNOT BE··· IT IS SIESTA TIME! SEE?
WHA···?
BACK TO YOUR POSTS, RABBLE! SHALL WE LOSE OUR EMPIRE FOR A SPOT OF SHUTEYE?
NATURALEMENTE, O GLORIOUS ONE! EES TRADITION! ANYWAY, WHAT WOULD PEON'S UNION, LOCAL 457, SAY EEF WE WORKED NOW?
TRAITOR!
GRINGO!

DROP THAT PIG STICKER, EMPEROR, OR I'LL PIN YOUR AUGUST EARS BACK.... PERMANENTLY! CARNIE, BETTER TAKE CARE OF THE NATIVES!
THIS CAN'T HAPPEN TO MONTEZUMA! BUT IT DID!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, TAKE CARE OF THEM? YOU WANT ME TO GIVE THEM BLANKETS?
NOW THAT I THINK IT OVER, I'M NOT MONTEZUMA... I'M HIAWATHA! AND THERE IS MY BELOVED, POCAHONTAS!
WHAT TH...? NOW, WAIT A MINUTE, COMPADRE... WE GOT NO HARD FEELINGS AGAINST YOUSE! IT WAS MERELY A NECESSARY BUSINESS MANEUVER!
YEAH... AIN'CHA GOT NO SYMPATHY FOR FREE ENTERPRISE?
SURE... HERE'S A SAMPLE!
HEY, WAKE UP! YOUR BANK'S BEEN ROBBED, YOU'VE HAD A RIOT, WE'VE CAUGHT THE CRIMINALS AND HERE'S THE STOLEN GOLD!
CARAMBA! FOR THIS YOU BREAK SIESTA? IN AN HOUR I SHALL WAKE AND ARREST YOU FOR DISTURBING THE PEACE!
COLONEL, DON'T SAY IT! I KNOW MEXICO WAS MY IDEA... BUT AT LEAST WE GOT A BIG TAKE TODAY!
OH, YES, CARNIE, WE HAVE A FULL TREASURY! THERE'S ONLY ONE THING...
IT SEEMS THAT, ODDLY ENOUGH, THEY PAID FOR THEIR TICKETS IN MEXICAN MONEY! AND WE CAN ONLY TAKE TWO DOLLARS IN MEXICAN MONEY APIECE BACK OVER THE BORDER!

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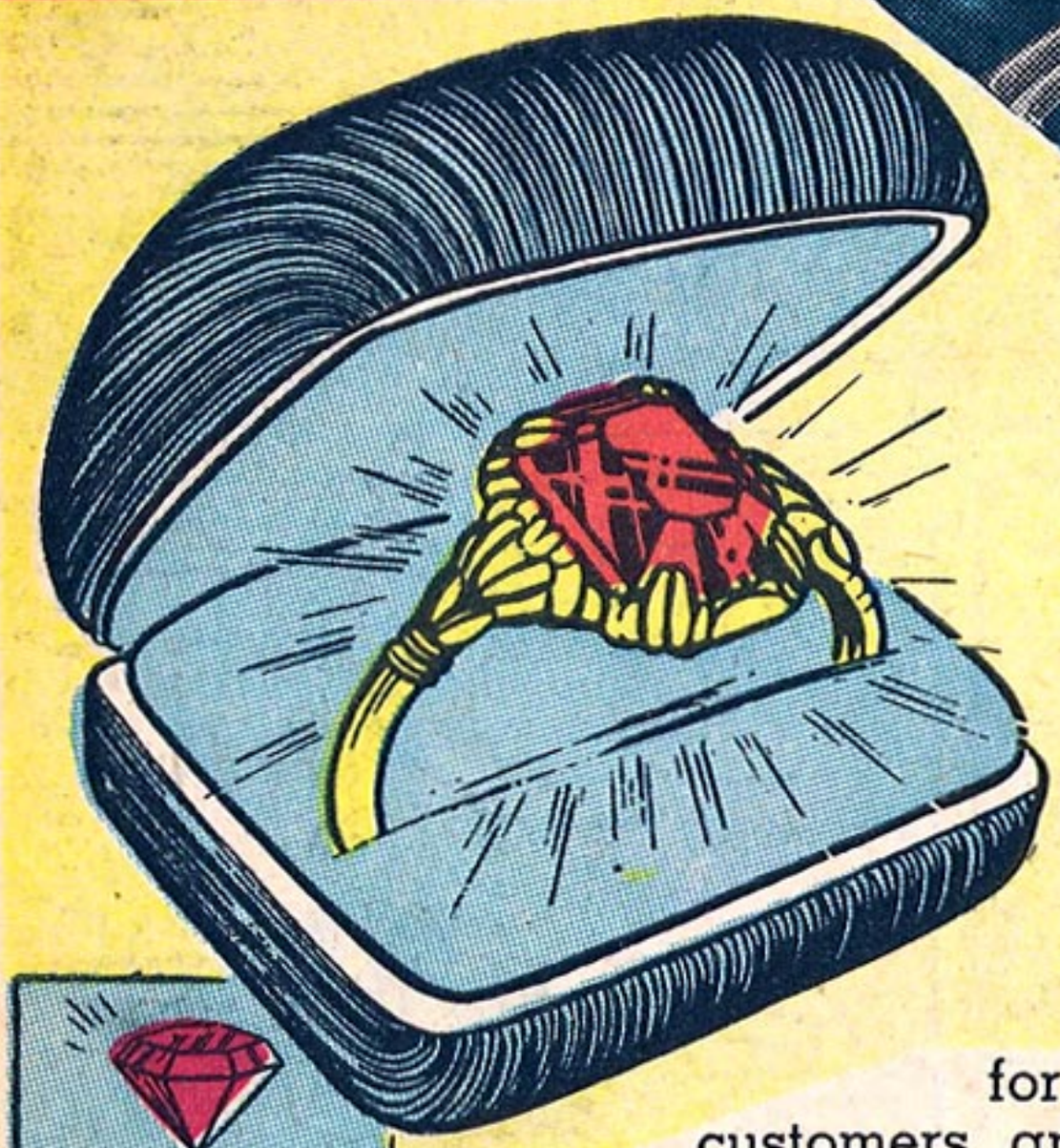

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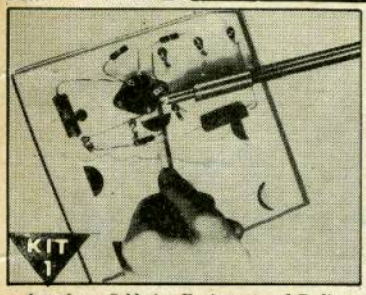

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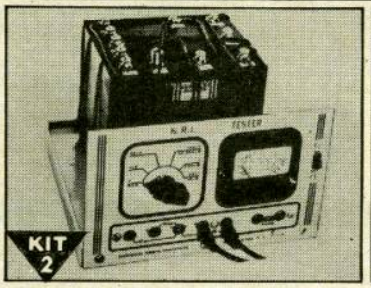

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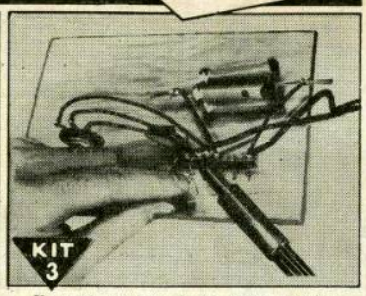

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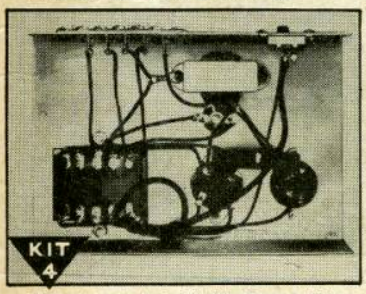

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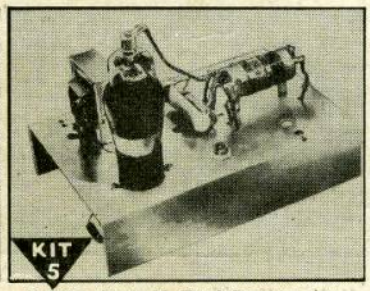

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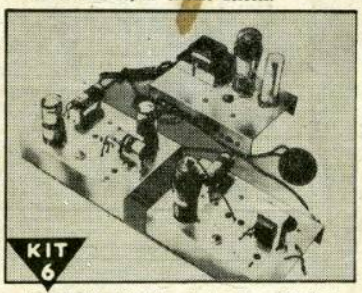

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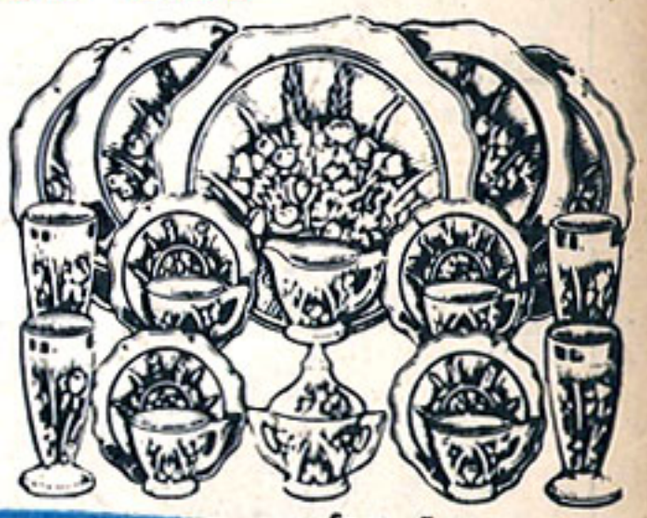

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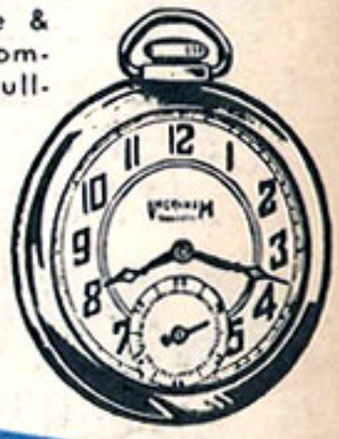

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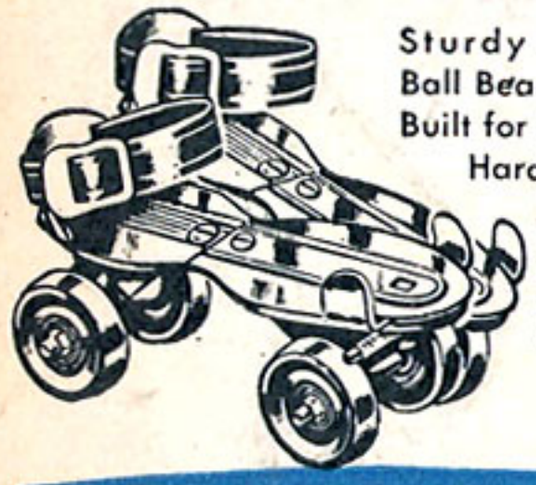

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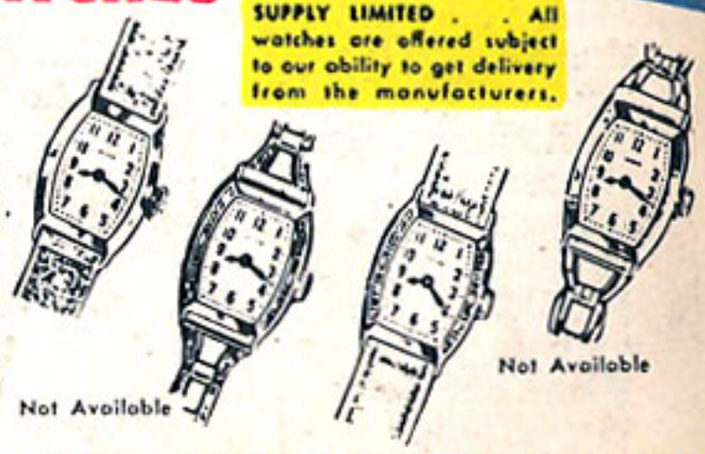

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